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Crumbs of Comfort

Only the dead make no mistakes.
A light wife makes a heavy husband.
The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.

Wealth is not his that has it, but his that enjoys it.

Solitude cherishes great virtues and destroys little ones.

The soul's dark cottage, battered and decayed, lets in new light through chinks that time has made;

Stronger by weakness, wiser men become—As they draw nearer to their eternal home.

—Waller.

Injury done to character is greater than can be estimated.

The envious man grows lean at the fatness of his neighbor.

God gives sleep to the bad that the good may be undisturbed.

To persevere in one's duty and to be silent is the best answer to slander.

What is resignation? It is putting God between one's self and one's loss.

Oh, some seek bread—no more—life's mere subsistence,

And some seek wealth and ease, the common quest;

And some seek fame that hovers in the distance, But all are seeking rest.

—Langbridge.

From the courtesy of the heart springs the courtesy in the outward behavior.

Woman is not made to be the admiration of everybody, but the happiness of one.

A healthy body is good, but a soul in right health is the thing beyond all others to be prayed for.

The saddest failures in life are those that come from not putting forth the power and will to succeed.

JERRY AND THE THIEF the Bad Boy Who Made Good

By Albert J. Klinck

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WHEN Jerry came forlornly into the office of Truxton and Waddle that fine spring morning he was accompanied by a youngster clothed in tattered garments, shoeless, and with a countenance amply bedaubed with grime. Jerry held him firmly by the hand, and on the way up the stairs had told him several times not to forget to "bleat" each time he gave the smutty little hand a squeeze. The first signal came when the two stood in front of the manager's desk. But little Tim, Jerry's brother, awestruck at the surroundings, forgot to "bleat" and until Jerry stooped over and whispered loudly in his ear to do so.

"Well, gentlemen, what can I do for you?" finally spoke up the manager, sitting back in his chair and eying keenly the strange team before him.

"Me mother's dead and me father—"

Jerry got no further. He had squeezed Tim's hand so hard that the latter gave out an angry "Ouch—" and at the same time raised his foot in the act of dealing his brother a blow upon the shins. But before this was accomplished Jerry himself took to "bleating," and Tim cut short his assault and followed suit. The duet lasted several moments, during which the manager retained a grim visage though the forced misery of the twain was apparent to him.

After the tears had trailed down Tim's face and left a cleanly path behind, and Jerry had managed to force a drop or two of salty water from his optics, the tale of woe was resumed. Time and again Tim failed to "bleat" at Jerry's pressure upon his hand, now being absorbed in the tingle of the telephone bell and the strange sight of a man talking into one snout and holding another to his ear; now with the wonderful object which stood upon the table and was played with the fingers but failed to give out what you might call music save now and then the faint jingle of a bell; and now with the thing in the glass case that seemed to work convulsively and spit out an endless strip of narrow paper into a basket where it coiled and coiled, twisted, and then writhed in apparent agony upon the floor. All this was too much for the youthful eyes. It stupefied little Tim, enthralled him. So the major part of the "bleating" devolved upon Jerry who, gazing pathetically into the manager's face, rattled out his pedigree at a startling rate. When the end finally came Jerry once more tried the pressure act upon Tim's hand; but the latter was smiling at the scrubbing now as she spasmodically swished her across the floor, bringing to Tim's vision his familiar operation he had seen since entering the strange interior.

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A Few Words by the Editor

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE to exaggerate the importance of the home as the predominating factor in shaping the destiny of the nation, for home influences are more potent than all others combined, except those of heredity, in the development of character.

We scarcely need cite Napoleon, Washington and Lincoln, nor any of the other great men who have expressed the same opinion, as authority for the assertion that the ruling genius of the home for good or evil, usually for good, is woman on whom its welfare depends far more than on the man who poses as head of the family because his labor provides the means of its sustenance.

Aside from the immense moral influence which, as wife and mother, she exercises over husband and children by her precept and example; besides the power of her love which enshrines the home making it earth's holiest of holies, the health, comfort, happiness and prosperity of the family depend largely on her skill, neatness, thrift and patient, never-ending toil at housework, sewing and mending.

Therefore COMFORT'S mission as an all-round family magazine could not be fulfilled without giving prominence to its women's departments; and it is to the women that we dedicate our efforts in bringing out this big household number devoted especially to the interests of the home, hoping that it may be as acceptable and prove as useful as our similarly entitled number of a year ago regarding which we have received so many congratulations from our subscribers.

If to our many readers who are mistresses of homes or aspire to be, as every healthy, normal woman should, this special number is a help to lighten their labor, to make them better housekeepers and finer cooks; if it aids them in beautifying and making their homes more cozy, comfortable and attractive our publisher will feel amply repaid for his extra trouble and expense.

And here let us emphasize the importance of the material conditions of the home as bearing on its moral influence. Cooking is a fine art to which too little heed has been given in America. Poor cooking not only is one of the worst forms of waste and is destructive of health, but it leads to discontent and domestic infelicity and is one of the well-recognized causes of indulgence in alcoholic liquors, which is the worst curse of the home and the nation. The man who goes to his work after a poorly cooked, unappetizing, indigestible meal has a gnawing in his rebellious stomach which craves stimulant and too often results in his seeking the temporary relief that a drink of liquor affords; by repetition the habit becomes fixed and untold misery follows. Ladies, you cannot afford to slight the cooking; give it all the care and attention possible.

We need not dwell on the importance of making the home pretty and cozy as well as comfortable, and of keeping it tidy inside and out, not only for its refining influence on the family, but also that its attractiveness may keep the interest of husband and children centered in the home and counteract the tendency of outside attractions to induce them to spend too

much of their leisure time outside its hallowed sphere, and quite likely in places and with companions of which the wife or mother would not and could not approve, if she knew. You must see how a neat, attractive home strengthens the woman's grip on her husband and children and increases their respect and admiration of her because its condition is chiefly due to her efforts and reflects her character. How can you expect the husband and children to love the home and have the highest regard for its mistress unless she manifests her loving interest in it and in them by making it just as nice as possible.

Now don't say to yourself, "that is all right enough for the woman who has plenty of money to buy what she needs to fit up her home as she would like, but I haven't and so it is no use for me to try." That idea is wrong, for it is not a mere question of money nor of elaborate and costly fittings and furnishings. Luxury no more makes a home than wealth makes happiness, and our remarks are not addressed to the rich woman who usually has little or nothing to do with the furnishing and care of the palace which in spite of all its cost has few of the attributes which constitute a home; nowhere in such a house are the evidences of her handiwork apparent and when she goes for a six months' tour in Europe she is not missed in any department of the housekeeping.

However small and humble the abode or slender the family resources woman's knack under the impelling force of wifely and motherly love can find a way to make it truly home-like, cozy and attractive if she has the ideals characteristic of her sex. The woman must think out, originate and plan the improvements, and probably do a large part of the work herself, but if she is sensible and persistent about it her enthusiasm will soon enlist the aid of husband and children, if they are at all worthy of her; for the man who will not help his wife in her efforts in this direction is not fit to have a wife or home. Nearly every issue of COMFORT contains one or more suggestions for inexpensive improvement of the home.

Now just a few words about the girls and their position in the household; of course you, like most others, will give your daughters the best schooling you can, which is the proper thing; the more accomplishments the better, but don't overlook and don't neglect the most important part of a girl's education which is to learn housekeeping thoroughly in all its branches. Whatever may be their ambitions or your plans and hopes for their future, bear in mind and give them to understand that in the plan of creation woman was designed to be mistress of the home and that the highest, grandest and most useful position which she can fill is that of wife and mother. The mother instinct is born in every little girl and at a very early age is beautifully manifested in the loving and tender care which she bestows on her dolls,—her babies, as she calls them, and as such she treats them, while "playing house," in which she mimics her mother in all the details of housekeeping, is her favorite amusement. This instinct, which nature has given, should be fostered, and it is a shame that our modern system of education of girls too often has a tendency to sup-

press it to the great detriment of the rising generation. Whatever else you teach your girls, don't fail to make competent housekeepers of them. How common it is to hear some young woman educated with the view of filling some clerical or business position, but who has married, bitterly lamenting her lack of housekeeping attainments with the exclamation, "if mother had only taught me!" With the high and increasing cost of living the economy of good housekeeping becomes the more imperative.

A little advice to the girls themselves: If you have a good home be contented to remain under the parental roof helping your mother and cheering your father and brothers until some nice young man capable of providing a home asks you to complete his happiness, and don't be in too a great a hurry to assume that responsibility; wait till the right man offers himself and be sure also that you know your own mind and heart. The alarming increase of divorces is largely due to hasty and ill-considered marriages. "Marry in haste and repent at your leisure" is a proverb which you should have constantly in mind.

Don't be dazzled by the glamour of city life; it is a hollow mockery at best and is totally different from what it looks to be to the outsider; it is misery and privation except to the wealthy and is fraught with degradation and loss of self respect to the poor. The large city is no place for the country girl to go for employment with the idea of bettering her condition, for it is notorious that the wages paid women in the stores and other business establishments do not enable them to live comfortably, decently or respectfully while every kind of a net is spread to entrap the young girl. Any work that a girl can do and live at home is all right, but don't leave home for work if you can possibly avoid it.

Less than two families in every hundred in New York City own the roof that shelters them, and thousands upon thousands there and in other large cities are compelled to live under conditions and amid surroundings which a respectable farmer would not impose on his hogs out of consideration for their health. The condition of the poor and even that of people of moderate means in the great cities is distressing and is getting worse, while that of the farmers is continually improving.

The over-crowding of the cities and the rapid extinction of home life therein, with the higher cost of living, constitute one of the most serious problems which confront the nation at present.

Most of COMFORT'S readers have cause to be thankful that they live in the country or in small towns and own their homes and are comfortable, even those who are not possessed of much worldly goods.

Now ladies, this household number has been gotten up for your especial benefit, and we shall be pleased to have you write us your opinions of it and give us any suggestions to help us in giving you a better one next March.

Comfort's Editor

GOOD PRACTICAL ARTICLES TO USE ABOUT THE HOME

Clothing Protector

A separate and complete protection is an excellent thing for the "best clothes," even though they are hung in a closet, for being less frequently worn they are the more exposed to flying moths and an accumulation of dust.

To make this protector, form a yoke about six inches deep that will fit closely over the clothes when placed on a hanger and to this sew a straight gathered flounce, wide enough to fall loosely around garments and long enough to drop some inches below. To make this protector dust-proof, run a draw string into the hem, draw up and tie. In this case make some inches longer. Use inexpensive cotton material. Black and white print will launder to one's satisfaction when it becomes soiled. As a safe-guard against moths there is no better and safer material than unbleached cloth used without being wet.

Wood Box

Why not make the wood box a thing of beauty as well as utility? The picture shows one way of effecting this.

Although large, strong and roomy the design used gives the box a dignified appearance. It should be painted in conformity with the other decorations of the room and, with a little care can be kept free from nicks.

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ther apart, accommodating from one to a dozen books in compact form.

Invalid's Table

Anyone can make this table; it is indispensable to the sick one's comfort.

Procure a box long enough so that when one end rests on the floor, the other will be the proper height for the patient to eat from when sitting up in bed.

Remove the top and sides, leaving the ends and bottom. Strengthen the ends by either using wooden brackets cut from the discarded part of box, or iron ones to support the end that will make the table portion, as well as the other which forms the base. Smooth well with sandpaper and paint, white being a preferable color for the sick-room.

This table will serve to rest the patient, making it possible to eat with comfort, as well as being useful when one is able to write in bed.

Folding Wall Bunks

In a camp or any place where lack of room makes limited sleeping quarters, two very comfortable beds, one above the other, can be hinged to the wall and hooked back similar to a Pullman berth and thus leave the floor space free. Against the wall nail two upright planks about seven feet long and far enough apart to hinge

each end of the springs. Purchase from your furniture dealer two cot beds, called divan couches. These are simply a woven wire spring set in a substantial hard wood frame and supported by four turned hard wood legs. They are made in single and three-quarters width and cost three dollars and seventy-five cents. Remove the legs from one and hinge it at each end of the back to your uprights with a heavy pair of hinges about five feet from the floor. The bed is supported by means of a chain fastened to each outside corner of the frame and again into the upright, the length of which will be right when the bed is exactly level. This chain drops inside when the bed is closed. When not in use the bed is hooked to the wall with a heavy screen-door hook. The lower bed may be arranged the same except that the two back legs are removed. The front ones support the bed when in use and are hinged in place so they will drop down when hooked to the wall. The lower bed makes a splendid couch for daytime use and a pretty denim cover and a few bright inexpensive cushions add to the attractiveness of the room. A denim curtain of the same color may cover the upper bed when hooked back. A thin "slab" mattress makes these beds very comfortable and there is ample space between the wall and bed to hold the bedding when hooked back. The one of those I saw in use was kept down for a day couch, and under it the pillows and blankets were placed.

A FIRESIDE SEAT.

If the top is to be used as a lounging place it should be covered with imitation leather, but if not the smooth, glossy varnish will look all the better. There are many pretty designs of boxes, but this one seems to have just about the amount of beauty that a wood box used to have.

Table Book Rack

It is the little touches here and there that add that indefinable sense of refinement to a home, that riches alone cannot buy. The little rack shown here fills just such a place in any home and is something you can make yourself or have your boy make for you. It is of neat design and will be found useful for books that are in everyday use and without this rack are loosely laid about the table. The manner in which the parts are put together is clearly shown by the picture. The rack ends can be pushed nearer together or fur-

ther apart, accommodating from one to a dozen books in compact form.

Take two pieces of heavy pasteboard, each measuring eight inches long by four in width.

Make into book form using an inch-wide "back" or binding made from heavy cotton cloth. This is glued in place. Lay flat and make a slip cover

room you may wish to conceal. Make three or more frames, each measuring five feet high by twenty-four inches across, from strips of lumber sufficiently heavy to endure the strain. Put in cross slats, about six inches wide, at the center, also six inches below the top. Hinge the sections or frames together at the top, center and bottom. Stain the wood a dark green, oak or mahogany color. Cover the outer side with burlap to match frame (brown to blend with oak is artistic), turning the edges in and tacking neatly with brass-headed tacks. On the utility side, put good-sized hooks into the upper cross strip to hold coats, hats, etc. On one of the center cross strips, tack a shoe bag, at another a sewing and darning bag. Arrange a section to hold towels, in fact all the articles that may hang can be put on this side of the screen.

Hat-Pin Cushion

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Medicine Case for Travelers

Three quarters of a yard of brown linen, three and a half yards of seal-brown silk braid, one skein of filo silk (seal-brown), and five one-ounce vials will make a very useful medicine case. Take two pieces of brown linen fifteen inches square and stitch them together three and a half inches from the top and from each side, thus making a casing seven and a half inches long by four and three-quarters wide into which slip a piece of cardboard of exactly this size, and stitch it securely in. Shape the top and sides of the linen into rounded flaps, and cut the bottom straight down. Bind the lower edge with the silk braid, and fold it up three inches in depth, thus forming a pocket across the lower flap on which embroider the words, "Absorbent Cotton and Bandages." Cut pieces of linen to make pockets fitting over the other three flaps. Bind these across the straight edge, and work upon the larger piece the words, "Court Plaster," and on the other two, "Powders." Baste them in place, and bind the whole thing around with the silk braid excepting at the bottom which is folded up to form a pocket.

A strip of the linen twelve inches long by one

inches wide is bound on both edges with the braid, divided into five parts, and stitched securely to the covered board for casings for the five bottles. These should be filled with witch-hazel, wintergreen, or whiskey, brandy, glycerine, camphor and Jamaica ginger, and each bottle should be carefully labeled. A hook and loop confine the two wider flaps over the bottles, while strings of the braid fastened to the smaller flaps tie them together over the whole.

Instead of sharing the common conveniences of the dressing-room, you can slip each article as used into its own receptacle.

They may be made from linen, denim or rubber cloth. When damp articles are used, if not made from the rubber cloth it is well to line pockets with some waterproof material.

Traveling Companion

This little apron of pockets is rightly named "Traveling Companion," for it contains all the equipment necessary for your personal comfort when traveling.

In the various pockets are put brush and comb, toothbrush and powder, soap box, manicure articles, etc. It is then folded or rolled and snugly packed away in the hand bag.

It is tied around the waist the same as any apron and worn while making the toilet so that the conveniences of the dressing-room, you can slip each article as used into its own receptacle.

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A Useful Screen

For those desiring to combine sleeping-and-sitting-room in one they will be greatly assisted by using a large screen of three or more sections, the other side-kept plain, the inner or utility side toward the corner or around some part of the

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Inexpensive Hand-Made Furniture That Adds Comfort and Convenience to Life

A Wall Desk

Once you obtain a wall desk like the one shown here and learn its many practical uses, you will wonder how you ever got along without one. Housekeeping is as much of a business as banking or storekeeping, and yet no system has been devised to cover the accounting branch of it. Our little desk provides a place for receipts, bills, writing in a ledger and general data. You can turn from your household work and instantly become your own bookkeeper. You have a support for writing on, and too, it closes up in regular desk fashion. Upon its face a picture or panel may be used. The cover should be fitted with a good lock.

Shirt-waist Box Rack

The shirt-waist box has long been a necessity in the home, but in spite of its usefulness in storing bulky things, it has the disadvantage of being very large itself, and consequently hard to keep out of the way. The trouble is more evident where there are several boxes to be taken care of. One woman said to me, "If we could pile them on top of each other it would be all right," and that gave me the idea for the rack shown here. It is simple as can be. Four posts joined with crosspieces and topped with a nice flat board describes the whole thing. The boxes slide in and out like bureau drawers. They are literally piled on top of each other, but you can get at any one without disturbing any of the others. By taking pains you can make the rack a thing of beauty as well as a thing of honest usefulness.

A Pattern Rack

Paper patterns are quite likely to become a mussel lot of tattered rolls and here is something that is easily constructed and will make a secure abiding place for them, for this little rack will give you a chance to keep them together. A soap box will do with a little remodeling. Use light material for the shelves. One ingenious woman used screw-eyes in place of cleats, and through these and from side to side she stretched a good-sized cord, thus forming the best kind of a shelf to hold paper patterns. Here also is a good place to keep the articles used in cutting; such as chalk, pencil, tape measure, scissors hung at side between shelves, pins, etc. A curtain hangs across the front. Keep fashion books on top.

Sewing Table

The simple sewing table shown here appeals to the economical and practical housewife. In the first place, if she has no man in her home to make it for her or cannot afford to have a carpenter do it, she can easily construct it herself. I say this advisedly because I know many frail women who have accomplished more difficult things than this in the wood working line. Make the base shown in Fig. 2 very carefully. Cut holes in the legs to receive the crosspieces and use glue and round-headed screws to fasten them. The various parts of the table top are shown in Fig. 3. Use lumber that is one half inch thick. This little table is full of comfort for the home sewer and I hope you will lose no time in making one for yourself.

Utility Table

The table herewith shown can be used for sewing, cards or afternoon tea. Briefly stated it consists of a shallow box mounted on four legs. Light, half-inch pine is used in the construction of the box. The smaller drawing shows its interior with cloth pockets which are tacked on to hold spools, pins and other small articles. The top is hinged so that it will open like a trap door. It might also be fitted with a lock on the opposite side. A few boxes when torn apart, will provide ample material with which to make this table, or even if you have to buy lumber and hire it made you will find it an inexpensive convenience.

A Secrétaire

For want of a better name I call this little article a secretaire. It is a very handy thing to have on the library table and makes the sometimes irksome duty of writing a letter a real pleasure. Little need be said concerning its construction for the picture shows that it is both neat and simple. First saw out a piece of wood for the base, then two like Fig. 4 for the sides, and one like Fig. 5 for the back. Fig. 2 is a tin clamp that keeps the ink bottle in place. Fig. 3 is a groove for pens. Whatever kind of wood you use, finish by applying two coats of furniture wax.

of mission stain and one coat of wax. This convenient adjunct to your library will earn its way into your favor on more practical grounds than mere good looks.

A Whisk Broom Holder

A whisk broom holder of the type shown is serviceable and neat. It may be made from scraps of lumber that would otherwise go to waste. The dimensions given will be right for an ordinary sized broom but you may vary them to suit your needs. The body of the holder consists of three slats glued or screwed to an upper and lower picee, as shown in Fig. 2. The part that receives the whisk broom may be fashioned out of a cigar box. Paint it to match the woodwork in room. It should be screwed permanently to the wall with two brass round-headed screws. If you wish to live up to the old adage "A place for everything and everything in its place," you will find this holder some help in that direction.

Post-card Screen

The screen herewith shown consists of three simple frames hinged together. Its purpose is to hide any unsightly object or to place near the stove so that the heat will be kept from a sideboard or other article and reflected in the desired direction. Each frame is made exactly as indicated by Fig. 2. When all are made, tack on the cloth you intend using, and next hinge the three together. A pleasing effect is obtained by fastening post cards to the middle frame, or to one or more panels on each frame. The cards may be stitched on or placed in corner slots as shown in Figs. 4 and 5. The idea is neat as well as novel and should please those who like things that are different.

A Plant Box

This plant box is a handy thing for indoor use in the colder regions. Simply stated it is a box set up on four legs. The joints of the box should be very tight and filled with glue or putty. If this is well done and several coats of paint put on the interior it will keep it from soaking moisture. A zinc lining may be added as another precaution against dripping on the floor. The plants may be freely watered and what moisture works through will do no damage. In case you are going away for a few days you can partially fill the zinc lined box with water and not have to worry about the plants. Note that the legs have casters which permit easy moving from place to place.

Reading Corner

This reading corner suggests luxury and comfort and yet it is inexpensive and easy to make. If you keep this drawing before you, you can proceed with the work yourself, and if you want a hired mechanic to do it just show him our picture and he will know exactly what you want done. The seats may be hinged and the interior of the boxes used as a storage place for books, shirt-waists, furs or any such articles. Select a well-lighted corner, the east side being the favorite for afternoon study. There are many ways to embellish and beautify this corner but all of them entail considerable expense.

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Lap-board

Here is something in an adjustable lap-board. By the simple arrangement "Y" in Fig. 1 which is a wooden peg, you can raise or lower the board at will. The legs are formed like shears and the raising is effected by drawing them nearer together at the bottom, placing the peg lower down. The top of the legs fit into small blocks which are hinged to the table as shown in Fig. 2. When not in use the legs fold up and the table may be put in a small space. It is a very handy board for drawing, sewing or studying, because it can be placed at any desired angle. It is simple enough

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Chair

Here is an odd piece of rough and antique design. It is made very strong and simple and can be used in the hall or any room in the house.

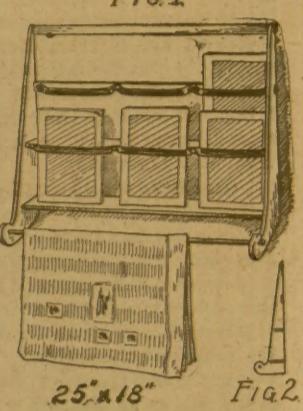
Its rugged beauty appeals to that class of people who like the ultra-mission type of furniture. It is hardly necessary to make any explanation of the sketches, as they are so simple. The finishing of the chair is sometimes the most puzzling part of the work. If you use pine or any thing except the very choicest hard woods, I advise this method. First apply one or two coats of stain of your desired shade. Allow one full day for each coat to dry. Then apply furniture wax with a rag

and after it has dried for an hour polish it as much as you please.

Wall Rack for Papers and Books

This little rack is about as simple as can be. It consists of two side pieces, two cross braces. The side pieces are the only ones that will require any real work, as they are curved. The bottom part of the sides extends out several inches to receive the roller which is used to hang newspapers over, as the cut shows. Book sockets are made by extending a leather strap across the braces and tacking it at required intervals. The rack costs practically nothing, and is unique and serviceable and where one may have several papers each week possibly a daily, and needed for handy reference this rack will prove convenient and practical as described.

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The "Comfort" Sisters' Corner

This Department is conducted solely for the use of COMFORT sisters, whereby they may give expression to their ideas relative to the home and home surroundings, and to all matters pertaining to themselves and families; as well as opening a way for personal correspondence between each other.

Our object is to extend a helping hand to COMFORT subscribers; to become cowokers with all who seek friendship, assistance, encouragement or sympathy.

Any abuse of this privilege, such as inviting correspondence for the purpose of offering an article for sale, or undertaking to charge a sum of money for ideas, recipes or information mentioned in any letter appearing in this department, if reported, will result in the offender being denied the use of these columns.

Do not ask us to print letters requesting patterns, quilt pieces, etc., for the purpose of, or with the expectation of receiving the equivalent in return; for this is not an exchange column.

Do not ask us to publish letters requesting donations of money. Much as we sympathize with the suffering and unfortunate, it is impossible to do this as we would be flooded with similar requests.

Do not request souvenir postals unless you have compiled a list of the conditions which entitles you to such a notice. See postal request notice in another column.

We cordially invite mothers and daughters of all ages to write to COMFORT Sisters' Corner. Every letter will be carefully read and considered, and then the most helpful ones chosen for publication, whether the writer be an old or new subscriber.

Please write only on one side of the paper, and recipes on a separate sheet.

Always give your correct and full name and address, very plainly written; otherwise your letter will receive no attention.

Address all letters for this department to MRS. WHEELER WILKINSON, Care COMFORT, AUGUSTA, MAINE.

THIS is the Household COMFORT which for months has been in preparation, and for many months to come you will find "just what I'm looking for" within its pages.

Under heading "Useful Hints Showing Where Time and Material Are Economized in Every Part of the Home" will be found many useful and valuable suggestions. The designs and accompanying illustrations of articles that may be made for both utility and ornamentation purposes are so varied and attractive that everyone is sure to fill a long-felt want.

The fashion department is prominent with its large display of useful designs and COMFORT's new patterns are giving satisfaction.

For those who can put up dainty lunches this number tells you how to dispose of them. The pretty little receptacles made from peach and strawberry baskets are unique and handy for many purposes.

Will Mrs. C. L. _____, Hollandale, Wis., please send me her full name. In an oversight the last name was omitted.—Ed.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:
I have thought many times of writing to tell you how much I like COMFORT, but have left letter writing to those who can tell of the many interesting things they know, and so have been content to read and enjoy the different departments of the good magazine that has been a monthly visitor in our home for nearly a score of years.

We live at the foothills of the Catskill Mountains and have as good air and water as can be found in any land. The N. Y. Water Commissioners have discovered this fact also, and have bought up thousands of acres of land from the residents near our vicinity and have had large forces of workmen busy building dams and dykes in order that when completed the city of New York might have some of the pure water from our mountain streams to drink and use, that will be not only essential to their health, but be so fresh and satisfying that it may help lessen the desire for those beverages that are the curse of our nation, destroying the souls and bodies of many thousands of our fellowmen every year, and bringing desolation and ruin to the homes of its victims. May God help every effort that is put forth to overthrow this monster evil.

My heart aches for the innocent ones who suffer more than tongue can tell through this vice, and all the others that follow in its train. COMFORT is one of the agencies toward this end. Its columns are full of helpful and elevating articles from Mr. Gannett and Uncle Charlie, to the dear sisters and Mrs. Wilkinson, who give us so many "good things" to encourage and uplift the despairing and despondent ones. Some of the letters from the shut-ins are so full of trust and calm confidence in the dear Father, who doth not willingly afflict, nor grieve the children of men, that my own heart is rebuked and I try not to complain when pain and trouble vex my soul. How far a kind and helpful word may reach, none can tell and certainly alone will disclose the influence we have exerted, either for good or ill upon the lives of others. These thoughts ought to inspire us all, to give to the world the best we have.

"He who does the best his circumstances allow Does well, acts nobly, angels could do no more."

A few words about myself and I will close. I am the mother of five children, all grown and married, living happily in homes of their own. Thus far none of them have been afflicted by the curse of strong drink. We never kept it in the house, nor used it; except in extreme cases, and then, by physician's prescriptions. Our two sons and three daughters are good citizens and respectable members of society (and with one exception) all consistent members of the church, kind and loving to their parents, who are coming near to the sunset of life.

Wishing still greater success to COMFORT.

Very truly, Mrs. J. I. MILLER, Shady, N. Y.

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Comfort Sisters' Corner

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DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:
I write this in order to let the sisters know of our change of location and to prevent mail from being sent to our former address. Also to thank the writers of many kind letters and for Christmas messages of love and remembrance from unseen but dear, loving friends.

COMFORT has been my good angel in my lonely, Northern home and was the means of making new and dear friends. For the cheer and happiness it brought me, I can never be thankful enough. Believe me, dear COMFORT sisters, I am deeply grateful for every favor.

Some wrote me and gave no address, some wrote with lead pencil and the writing was so dimmed when it reached me after being forwarded to me, that I am unable to distinguish either name or address. To all, who have not received a reply, I will ask that they kindly write again with pen and ink to my present address and I will be pleased to answer when I wished.

Have been very sick and could not answer when I wished. Hoping this will be sufficient explanation to one and all and wishing dear COMFORT and readers prosperity, I am your friend always.

MRS. E. H. (DEACON) PRATHER, Maroa, Ill.

DEAR SISTERS:

As I have been reading the letters from so many different COMFORT sisters this morning, I thought I would like to join the circle for a few minutes and have a little chat.

My home is in Kezar Falls, Maine, a small country village and very pretty. It has a woollen mill, a bobbin mill and box factory where most of the people are employed.

My husband and I have been staying at Freedom, N. H., since the last of October, and will be until the first of February probably, as he is chopping timber for a mill. We have a little girl, Lucia Evelyn, one year old the 12th of February, who is the darling of our home. I will be twenty-one years old the 23rd of April and have been married three years next June. I would like very much to have a letter party the 20th of March. I will be very glad to hear from those interested in house plants. Please address all my mail to

MRS. F. ROBIN MERRILL, Kezar Falls, Box 63, Maine.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:

Will you please allow me a little room in our corner for I want to say to the sisters living in New Mexico, or anyone who can give me true information regarding land that can be homesteaded in that state that if they will write to me that I will be very grateful. I want to know where and to whom I should write for government free land laws? Does one have to pay for irrigation rights, or do they have to sink wells on their own land and irrigate from it? Is the free land level or hilly, high or low? Is the free land forest or prairie? Can one pick the land, or do they have to draw lots for it? Would like to know the names of the counties which you write about so we can locate them on the map. Husband and I both have had trouble and our three little ones seem troubled the same way. We want to go to a dry climate, and if someone will write and tell us how to go about homesteading a place, and answer the questions in this letter, we will be very glad.

God bless COMFORT and its staff of Christian workers is the prayer of your sister,

MRS. MOLLIE PATTON, East Bernstadt, Ky.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

I received my first COMFORT today, and it is truly a comfort to us all. I have been reading the letters sent in by shut-ins and those who have so much trouble and no one can help but grieve for them. How I do wish that our faith would be so great, that God would heal them all instantly! Our own discomforts sink into insignificance when we think of them, and make us realize more and more, how infinitely great our blessings are. One sister said that it was "God's will for her to suffer." I wish I could make or rather cause her to think of God, as I do, as the "Giver of all good gifts." I will try to tell you how I learned this. In the spring when our baby boy was born, my responsibilities seemed so great, I cried half the time. Of course this made baby so restless that he was ailing most of the time. We took him to the best physician in town, and he said that the less medicine we gave him the better, that he would get well himself. Also at about this time, a dear lady told me that "the mother ruled the child and to turn to God for help." Her urging lead me to read the Bible more. So I went to work and tried to prove what she said, by looking for all the "good things" about God and I really found so many that it turned me "belly up side down," about Him being the author of all our discords. I now turn to Him as "our Father, who gives nothing but good gifts." I can't begin to tell you of all the blessings we have had since then. Our baby is a fine, healthy child and everyone loves him. I wish more of the sisters would try my "recipe" and be as happy as we are. My favorite psalms are the 91st, 37th and 46th.

"If you've had a kindness shown"

Pass it on,

'Twas not made for you alone,

Pass it on.

Let it travel down the years

Let it wipe another's tears

'Till in Heaven the deed appears

Pass it on."

We are not able to give help to the shut-ins financially; we are not rich and what we can afford we send to my growing brothers and sisters, because both my father and mother have ill health.

I would like to meet that dear lady of Sunshine Cottage. What patient soul she is! Would like to meet other sisters, too. Will some of them of my own age, twenty-three, write me?

With a heart full of love and good wishes to our editor and all of COMFORT's relations, I am your friend,

MRS. J. G. BECK, Montpelier, Idaho.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

This is my first letter such as it is. I believe in that old saying: "Cast your bread upon the waters for after many days it will return to you." And that is the meaning I have given COMFORT, the bread that was cast upon the waters. I had no idea of subscribing for another book or magazine but when a young woman came to my door one day last summer and asked me to take COMFORT, I said "no," in a hurry and the poor girl looked very white and disengaged. There was a big rocker in my kitchen and she looked at that and said: "Oh, please, may I sit down and rest a few moments for I am so tired." I said: "Certainly, come in." She told me her story. It was the same old one of course; a dissipated husband, a broken home and two darling little boys to take care of. She had them in the country then. I felt sorry for her and I went in and looked in my purse and found just enough change for a six months' subscription, and I said: "Here, if this will help you any send that paper to me for six months and I will see what is in it."

What a surprise was in store for me! Beginning with the first paper I began to "sit up and take notice" and when I found the sisters' letters I was so much interested I had to read everyone of them before I could put the paper down. What a grand idea that is! They are so very interesting.

We live in Buffalo, N. Y. There are three of us, my husband, mother and self, and we would like to move out West and take up land or something of that kind. Is there any place where poor people can go who are willing to work? Would some sister write me and tell me about their country. My husband is temperate and a good workman. He is foreman of the aerial construction for the Bell Telephone Co., but living is so very high here there is nothing saved. We would like a warmer climate on account of my mother, because as soon as snow flies she becomes a shut-in as she cannot walk on the slippery sidewalks.

MRS. F. H. NOBLETT, 640 North Division St., Buffalo, N. Y.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:
I have always taken a great pleasure and interest in COMFORT Sisters' Corner. COMFORT has been highly appreciated in our home for a number of years, but this is my first attempt at correspondence and would like to suggest my remedy for rheumatism, it being oil of wintergreen, tea to fifteen drops, three times a day.

Will Nebraska sisters please give me any information regarding land, crops and climate in Nebraska as I am very much interested. Any information will be highly appreciated.

MRS. HENRY DELNO, Elwood, Box 74, Ind.

Mrs. Delno, I want to add a word of advice regarding your excellent remedy for rheumatism, and that is, that oil of wintergreen acts on the heart and due care should be taken not to get an overdose. I have known it to be taken successfully in several cases, beginning with a small dose and keeping strict watch of the heart.—Ed.

Comfort Sisters' Recipes and Every-day Helps

GENERAL DIRECTIONS FOR MAKING CAKE.—First attention should be given to the oven, making sure that the fire is not too hot, and will remain even until the baking is done. Unless you have control of your fire do not attempt to bake cake.

Loaf cake requires less heat than thin cakes. If the oven is too hot at first or is suddenly cooled while the cake is baking the cake will be heavy. Loaf cake should bake as long again as thin cake. Divide the time of baking into quarters. The first quarter should show a rising with the edges higher than the center, the second a continued even rising with a slight brown tint, the third a deeper brown and the last a shrinking and settling.

If your cake rises and cracks in the center you are using too much flour; when it browns before rising, the oven is too hot.—Ed.

HOW TO PUT BUTTER CAKE MIXTURES TOGETHER.—Cream the butter with the hand or a large spoon, add sugar and cream again until very light. When the proportion of butter is small it may be put in with the eggs and sugar. Beat the yolks until light yellow, add to butter and sugar and beat again. Add flavoring, and then a little milk, then a little flour, a little milk again and so on until the milk and flour are all used and beat vigorously until your mixture is smooth. Add lastly the beaten whites.

Fruit should be added last, and fruit cake mixtures should be a little stiffer with flour.—Ed.

SPONGE CAKE MIXTURES.—Beat the yolks until they are light yellow and creamy and slowly beat in the sugar. Add flavoring and liquid and beat again. Beat the whites until very stiff and fold in without beating. Add flour lastly with as little stirring as possible as it makes the cake tough.—Ed.

OYSTERS ON TOAST.—Cut pieces of bread for toasting and place on each an oyster. Toast in a very hot oven and serve with salt, butter and pepper.

MISS ROSE BOLMER, Avon, R. R. 1, Box 81, Minn.

STUFFED POTATOES.—Choose potatoes of equal size, wash thoroughly, and bake. Cut each one in two, scoop out the contents carefully so as not to break the skin; beat it very smooth and light with salt, pepper and one ounce of butter, also the yolks of an egg to every three potatoes. If you have any cold meat on hand (cold veal, pork or lamb is the best) mince it finely and season. Into the empty potato shells put first a spoonful of the prepared potato, then a spoonful of the minced meat and then heap higher with the potato. Put a tiny bit of butter on top, place in the oven and brown. Serve immediately with parsley on top.

MISS FRANCES DALRYMPLE, Jutland, N. J.

SALMON SALAD.—One cup of pickles and four hard-boiled eggs chopped fine and added to one can of salmon shredded.

DRESSING.—One even tablespoonful of mustard, one tablespoonful each of butter and sugar, two tablespoonsfuls of cream or milk, six tablespoonsfuls of vinegar and one egg. Stir mustard and sugar together and add the other ingredients, the vinegar last. Let all come to a boil. Mix with prepared salmon.

MRS. GEO. M. PERRY, Clinton, Ver. Co., Ind.

HOME-MADE HEALTH COFFEE.—I make a delicious drink at home by taking about one quart of corn meal, bran, or pure wheat bran and mixing it with sufficient sourmilk to moisten and roasting it in the oven till it begins to sizzle, keeping it stirred. When it gets cold, pulverize and use a small pinch to each cupful made Postum.

TOMATO STEW.—An appetizing dish may be made with one can of tomatoes and two medium-sized onions chopped fine. Boil together till onions are tender, season with a bit of butter, pepper and salt and before removing from the fire stir in a heaping tablespoonful of flour moistened with a little water and boil a few minutes longer.

DROP CAKES.—One egg, one cup sugar, one rounding teaspoonful of butter, one and one half cups of flour, one teaspoonful of baking powder, pinch of salt, and scant half cup of fresh milk. Flavor. They are nice for lunch and quickly made.

MRS. JENNIE BRIDGEWATER, Birch Tree, Mo.

EVERLASTING YEAST.—Three medium-sized potatoes, two quarts of water, one and one half dissolved yeast cakes in one half cup lukewarm water, two teaspoonsful salt and one half cup of sugar. Boil potatoes in two quarts of water, after which drain and mash. While still hot pour the water back and scald in a little flour. Add salt and sugar and set aside to cool. Lastly, add dissolved yeast and let stand over night. In the morning, before thickening, save out two thirds of a quart jar full for next baking. Thicken sponge and set in a warm place to rise.

MRS. GRACE (SMITH) HEFFLEY, 1931 Piggott Ave., E. St. Louis, Ill.

WINE DROPS.—One cup each of granulated sugar, molasses, shortening, chopped raisins and one egg. One teaspoonful each of cinnamon and cloves, four cups of flour and one heaping teaspoonful of soda in one cup of boiling water. Put together in the order given. Drop on tins, sprinkle with sugar and bake in moderate oven.

MRS. L. F. NEWSON, Cayuga, Box 35, N. Y.

QUICK BUNS.—One quart of sifted flour, three teaspoonsfuls of baking powder, one cup of sugar, one half teaspoonful each of cinnamon and salt. Sift all together, rub in two teaspoonsfuls of lard or butter (not melted). Add one beaten egg to two cups of sweet milk and stir into the prepared flour, making it about like biscuit dough. Roll two thirds of an inch thick, brush over with melted butter, cut and bake twenty-five minutes. Currants or raisins may be added. Good baked in shallow loaf.

MRS. M. J. WOODBURY, Auburn, Maine.

CARAMEL CAKE.—Three cups of sugar creamed with one half cup of butter. Add two well-beaten eggs, two cups of sweet milk and three and one half cups of flour to which three teaspoonsfuls of baking powder has been added.

CARAMEL FILLING.—One cup of light brown sugar, one half cup of water and butter size of small walnut, boiled together until it will "thread." Add one teaspoonful of vanilla and beat until creamy and pour over cake.

MISS ZORA MAE WHITE, Fall Branch, R. R. 3, Box 23, Tenn.

BANANA CAKE.—Beat to a cream two tablespoonsfuls of butter and one cup of sugar. Add two eggs well beaten, two thirds of a cup of sweet milk and two cups of flour with two heaping teaspoonsfuls of baking powder. Flavor with lemon or vanilla. Bake in three layers.

FILLING.—Boil one cup of sugar with one third of a cup of water until it can be blown from fork in feathers. Pour over well-beaten white of an egg and beat until cold. Rub four bananas through a sieve and stir into icing. Spread between layers.

MRS. JOS. WOLF, Park Falls, Box 172, Wis.

CREAM SPONGE CAKE.—Two eggs well beaten and put into a cup and fill with sweet cream. Pour into mixing bowl and add one cup of sugar, one and one half cup of flour, one teaspoonful of baking powder and a small pinch of salt. Stir all together and bake in moderate oven.

MRS. M. J. DANIELS.

FRUIT CAKE WITHOUT EGGS.—One cup of sugar creamed with one cup of butter or lard, or mixed. Add one cup of molasses and beat, one cup of sour milk and one teaspoonful of soda and beat again. Add cinnamon and ginger, three cups of flour and one cup of raisins. Bake in moderate oven and keep a day or two before cutting.

MRS. LIZZIE CROSS, Oakland, Box 73, Md.

CRACKERS.—One cup of butter, four cups of flour and one teaspoonful of soda rubbed together. Beat two eggs light and add two and one half cups of sugar and mix with flour. Roll thin and bake.

SQUASH PIE.—Steam or bake the squash. Mash and put through sieve. To one cup of squash add one egg, half a cup of sugar, one teaspoonful each of cinnamon and ginger and a little clove and salt and two cups of sweet milk. Bake in one crust.

MRS. ANNA MITCHELL, Ceresole, Box 2, Ky.

LEMON PIE.—Beat to a froth three small teacupsfuls of sugar, the outside rind and juice of three lemons and the yolks of six eggs; then beat the whites to a very stiff froth, and stir into the sugar and other ingredients, adding three tablespoonsfuls of milk. Bake in a moderate oven forty-five minutes. Thorough beating of the mixture and the slow baking are absolutely necessary to the success of the pie. Fine.

MRS. D. C. TUCKER, Albemarle, N. C.

CANVASING HAMS.—After the hams have been salted down for eight or ten weeks, take them out and smoke for four or three days. Make a paste by letting syrup come to a boil and thickening with flour; add a teaspoonful of red pepper. Smooth this over the ham, except where the skin is, then paste a thin cloth down over this. Wrap in paper and put in four sack and it is ready to hang up.

MRS. MYRTLE GARDNER, Moran, Texas.

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The Love of Oatmeal What It Signifies

The growing child craves oatmeal and delights in it. The normal adult—working with muscle or brain—always retains a marked fondness for oats. It is the call of Nature for this food of all foods—for the elements we most require.

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RUBY'S REWARD

By Mrs. Georgie Sheldon

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Ralph Carpenter, a man of wealth, knowing his days are numbered, reveals to Walter Richardson, the son of Sadie Walcott, his early love, the story of his young life, his love for Walter's dead mother, their betrothal, separation, her marriage, his finding her in poverty and the promise to care for Walter as if he were his son and to tell him something when he becomes of age, also his anxiety for him to complete his education, provision for which he makes. In the midst of his talk Mr. Carpenter becomes suddenly ill, and while the nurse and Walter keep watch Edmund in the library finds his father's private papers and one, bearing the words "Last Will," slips through a crack in a quaint desk and is lost to sight. With a sigh of relief Edmund closes the desk. The father dies without making more known of his will than to Walter and revealing his ancestry. A search is made for the will. Walter is anxious to complete his education and Edmund offers him the position of book-keeper at nine dollars a week with board for one year, and Edmund regards it as a matter of disrespect that the son of another woman is installed on an equal footing with him. Walter realizes his hard position. He goes to the city, meeting a young girl, who, through his assistance, recovers from an injury. He applies to Albert Old, Architect and Builder, who advises a practical knowledge of the construction of buildings only acquired by learning the carpenter's trade. After three months of close application Walter asks for evening office work. Making rapid strides, Mr. Conant allows Walter to share with him in the preparation of plans for an elegant residence on the banks of the Schuylkill. He requests Walter to deliver them to a certain street and number. He knows the name is Gordon and is surprised to meet the young girl of his dreams—a sister of Robert Gordon. Walter gives Mr. Gordon valuable information regarding the plans and as he leaves encounters Edmund Carpenter, who is to accompany Ruby to a party. He is surprised to meet Walter and is rude to him. Robert Gordon favors Edmund Carpenter's attentions to his sister. Ruby's estimate of Edmund Carpenter's character surprises her brother and awakens a new bond between them.

Mr. Robert Gordon and his wife give a reception to a noted poet, Mr. Whitfield. Owen Ruggles, an unbidden guest, comes three hundred miles to see the man that's walked into his heart with his sweet way of saying things. Ruby Gordon makes the man feel at ease and arranges for Mr. Whitfield to meet him. Standing near the library door, Ruby hears Edmund Carpenter, in an angry voice, expostulating with Owen Ruggles for his presence there. The conversation reveals his relationship. Edmund ignores it and Ruby learns that Walter Richardson was a protege of Edmund's father and of Edmund's refusal to help him to an education. Owen Ruggles invites Ruby to visit at his home another summer. The next morning he calls upon Walter, who shows him every attention. Mr. Ruggles regrets that Walter does not finish his college course and offers to assist him. Walter refuses. He enjoys the independence of caring for himself.

Ruby Gordon, in company with her brother, pays a visit to Owen Ruggles and his wife. That night Walter Richardson arrives. Ruby claims him as an old acquaintance to Mr. Ruggles' surprise and pleasure. Ruby learns from Walter's lips that Mr. Ralph Carpenter was Mr. Ruggles' half brother, also the story of his young life.

CHAPTER XII.

SUCH a delightful week followed! The weather was perfect. It seemed as if there never had been such beautiful September days, "crown jewels of the year," Ruby called them, for scarcely a cloud obscured the sky during all that delectable time, and every morning the young girl was up with the lark to see the sunrise—a sight which she had previously very rarely enjoyed.

"The witches have cast their beauty-spell over her since she came up here; though what for is more'n I can tell, for she was as sweet as an angel before," Farmer Ruggles remarked to his wife, one morning, as Ruby tripped into the dining-room, absolutely bewildering in her dainty white wrapper with a bunch of cardinal flowers—Walter's morning offering—fastened in her belt.

Robert Gordon overheard the remark, and smiled wisely at the sentiment of the good man. He had not been blind during the few days of their visit there. He had discovered Walter's growing attachment for his beautiful sister, and he had begun to realize also that she was happier in his society than she had ever been before.

He liked the young man. He had learned considerable regarding his history from Mr. Ruggles, and he admired his energy and independence as well as his honor and manliness. He resolved that if Ruby should learn to love this noble young man, he would never lay a straw in the way of her happiness, even though he possessed nothing but his honest heart and good right hand to offer her.

So he smiled indulgently when they arranged to go off upon little excursions by themselves, and he went to the mines, or over the farm, or down to the village, with Mr. Ruggles, who appeared to think it was all right, only he could not refrain from remarking once, with a quizzical glance at Ruby, that he "guessed there was one Philadelphia gallant who could make his place good after all."

Ruby blushed rosily at this shaft, but she shook her golden head at him, and retorted, with an arch glance at Walter:

"That was very naughty of you, Mr. Ruggles, when you know my inquisitive brother has monopolized all your time, and I should have fared hard if that same Philadelphia gallant had not taken pity on me."

Mr. Ruggles only nodded a smiling return to her for this repartee; but he went away chuckling to himself, and murmuring that he guessed that bad precious little to do in the matter, anyway."

The day before the Gordons were to return home, Walter asked the farmer if he would trust him to drive his span—the young couple had been using a single buggy on their excursions—and allow him to take Ruby to see a beautiful natural bridge that spanned a mountain stream some twelve miles distant.

"Yes, indeed," the man replied, heartily; "I'd trust you with anything I have in the world, my boy; and, as I know the horses are gentle, and the roads safe, though steep in spots, you shall have them, and welcome. It's a pretty trip," he added, "and I'm right glad you thought to take Miss Gordon to see the bridge. Perhaps Mr. Gordon would like to go along, too."

But that gentleman was more interested in coal-beds, and the sinking of shafts, etc., than in natural bridges, and remarked that he thought they would do very well without him.

Mr. Ruggles informed them, however, that a gentleman and his wife, who were visiting about a mile below them, were intending to make the same trip that day, and doubtless would be glad of company. So the young couple waited until the strangers made their appearance, and then went off with basket of lunch, "such as," Walter said, "only good Mother Ruggles knew how to put up."

The day was perfection itself, the air pure and invigorating, and the horses sped over the mountain road at a spanking pace, as if realizing that youth and vigor were behind them, and would not be content to jog along in any prosy fashion.

Every mountain was gorgeous with autumnal coloring, for the foliage was at its height of splendor.

Ruby was in ecstasies. "I never before saw so much beauty!" she cried, rapturously; "and I believe I will never go to a fashionable watering-place again. Nature is far more charming. I will go to the mountains. Their grandeur impresses me as nothing else ever did."

"Would you like to live among them always?" Walter asked.

"No; I hardly think I should," she answered, thoughtfully. "I believe I should miss the ad-

vantages of city life. It must be very lonely here in the winter, when one would have to be shut away in the house a great deal of the time; but it is very nice in summer, if one can have pleasant company."

"You are fond of society, Miss Gordon?" "Yes, I am; I am free to confess it," Ruby answered, smiling. "I love life, sparkle, gayety, and I believe I am fitted for society. I imagine that my mission lies in the great, busy world where I live."

"Your mission?" questioned Walter in surprise. The idea of this bright, winsome girl—who seemed made only for sunshine and pleasure—having a "mission" in life, had never occurred to him.

"Yes. Don't you think that everybody has a mission, Mr. Richardson?" Ruby asked, lifting a pair of very earnest eyes to his face.

"I suppose that every one ought to have some aim or purpose in life," he replied, musingly. "Yes, indeed; everybody ought!" she said, decidedly. "But that is a little different from what I mean. One can have an 'aim and purpose' in life, and yet be wholly selfish. My idea is, that everyone has been appointed some especial work to do outside of one's self, and if we neglect to do it we miss the chief purpose for which we were put into the world. Have you ever thought of it?"

"Not exactly in that way," Walter replied. "I have always felt that I wanted to make the most of myself, mentally and morally, and to educate myself for that position to which I was best adapted and where I could do the most good."

"That amounts to about the same thing," said Ruby; "but it is very hard to decide that question. Now, I have not made up my mind that I am especially fitted for anything. But one thing I have discovered that I can do, when I try, and that is, to make those around me happy. That is why I like plenty of company. I enjoy making people and things harmonize. If I see persons sad or discontented, I like to say or do something to lift the clouds and make them feel comfortable. I have often wondered what my real work in the world is to be. I do not believe that it has come to me yet. I have always lived such a pleasant, sunny life, with no cares or trouble, I have sometimes felt that I was a very useless piece of humanity, so it has seemed to me that the very least I could do was to try and make happy those with whom I came in contact."

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Comfort Sisters' Corner
Comfort Sisters' Recipes and Every-day Helps

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CORN MEAL MUFFINS.—One cup of flour, one half cup of corn meal, one quarter of a cup of sugar, one quarter of a teaspoonful of salt, one egg, one cup of sweet or sour milk, one tablespoonful of melted butter. If sweet milk is used, use three even teaspoonsfuls of baking powder, if sour, use one teaspoonful of soda. Sift dry ingredients together, add egg and milk well beaten. Lastly beat in butter and bake in gem pan twenty to thirty minutes. Same can be steamed.

GENEVIEVE LENT, Norwalk, Ohio.

DOUGHNUTS.—Three eggs, one cup of sugar, pinch of salt, one half teaspoonful of grated nutmeg, one cup of sweet milk, three tablespoonfuls of melted butter, three heaping teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Put beaten yolks in mixing bowl with nutmeg, salt and sugar, beat until creamy, add beaten whites, then the milk and two cups of flour with baking powder, then to butter and more flour and knead.

MRS. NELO SMITH, Milltown, Wis.

FOUDANT.—Four cups of granulated sugar and one quarter of a teaspoonful of cream of tartar stirred together, then add two cups of boiling water and stir until dissolved. Cook over a quick fire until little dropped in cold water will harden and crack against side of cup. Beat until partly cool and add a cup of grated cocoanut, or any chopped nuts not meats. Work with hands until soft, press into flat cakes and cut into blocks when cold.

WALNUT CREAMS.—Make small balls of the plain foudant, press flat and into each side half a walnut meat.

CHOCOLATE CREAMS.—Melt chocolate over a steaming teakettle, and with a fork dip in small cakes of the plain foudant. Set to cool on greased paper. Nut meats may be set into chocolate coating before it hardens.

Figs, dates, jellies or candied fruits make delicious candy when combined with plain foudant.

MRS. EVELYN HAYLEWOOD, Tarkio, Mo.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I will kindly ask of you all if I may join your charming company, for it is too lonesome to sit away back here in this out-of-the-way corner and listen to the rest of you chatting away, and doing all the good you possibly can for others. Your letters have been greatly appreciated.

Just lately, in my book of life I was compelled to record my twenty-first birthday, but in spite of this I am pretty well experienced in many kinds of work. I am the happiest when out in the fields driving the team. And then again I like to stay in the house when there is any canning to be done for it is one of my great delights in housekeeping. I enjoy sewing and well do I remember the first I ever attempted. I was only about twelve years old, but in spite of all this I was determined that I would make a calico dress for myself. I got along very well with my dollies' sewing, and of course I was sure that I would get along as well with my own. But very soon I was disappointed, for after cutting out my dress I found there was not one part of it that seemed to fit to suit me, but I kept on working at it until I was completely tired out with a set of unstrung nerves, and so I put it away and did not look at it again for at least six weeks. I started again with the highest ambition that a child ever had and after working real hard for a few days, why my new dress was finished. I thought then I had earned at least a dozen such dresses with all my hard work. But I have been well paid for it all, for now I can sew quite well and like to sew, too, and don't have the trouble now as I did at twelve. So I always say and think this way "try and try again, you'll succeed at last."

Now flowers shall be my last subject. Where is there any better company than flowers, for those that care for them and love them? I have been a faithful raiser of flowers ever since I was strong enough to care for them. I raise them outside during the summer months, and inside during the winter. Sometimes, of course, I don't have as good luck as I could wish for, but then I never get discouraged. Sweet oil is very good for ferns; a few drops about twice a week. Water in which meat has been washed is good for other house plants. I do not slip plants during the month of September as this is liable to kill the plants which you slip.

In ending will say that I would like to see the paper that can come up with COMFORT. I believe there is none! Your friend and sister,

GEACE ODETTE, Flat Rock, R. R. 1, Box 74, Wayne Co., Mich.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I have been a reader of COMFORT about eight years and enjoy it and have gotten many good ideas from it, and now I am coming to ask a favor of some sister. I have a little boy seven years old that is ruptured, and I want directions for making a home-made belt or truss. I saw such directions once, but have forgotten where. I feel sure I will find it by writing COMFORT.

I wish I knew something interesting to write about but do not.

Will any sister who knows about the belt please write me at once as I want my little boy to have it immediately. I shall be very grateful.

MRS. W. A. RAYBURN, Coffeyville, Box 3, Miss.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I am a new subscriber for the dear old COMFORT and how I love to read the interesting letters. I am very sorry I did not know of COMFORT sooner when I think of all the good reading I have missed. I am going to my home in Florida soon and would like to have some honest woman or girl stay with me as my husband will have to stay in W. Va. a while longer. Maybe the sisters could tell me of someone who would like a home and stay with me for company. Someone who has lived on a farm preferred.

MRS. BEATRICE BOWEN, McMechen, W. Va.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:

I have long since been an ardent admirer and constant reader of our precious COMFORT. God bless its editor and dear Uncle Charlie, who being a shut-in, has my heart-felt sympathy as, I, too, am a partial shut-in, and Uncle Charlie is the fortunate possessor of my favorite of all men's names. My dear little babe, two and one half years of age bears that pretty name, Charles. My darling husband, whose life was crushed out by a care-in at the Ophir mine in Oregon on August 20th, 1910, was also named Charles.

My dear sisters, I am left without that dear Charles—a cripple and an invalid, on the mercies of this cold world with three little children to support. I came with them from Baker City, Oregon, in September, to be near my people, for, as you can realize, I am extremely sad and lonely, and my babies who were never sick in bed a day in their lives while living in the Golden West, have been sick the greater part of the time since coming here. The climate is so different. It has been warm and sunshiny here the most of the winter, like balmy days of May. No snow to speak of and roads in excellent condition. Walnut is a lovely little city, with the M. K. T. and Santa Fe railroads running through it. Several business houses, five churches and no saloons.

Christmas was the only day dear sisters, since the tragic death of my dear beloved husband that my tears did not flow copiously. I am lonely, oh! so sad and lonely without him, and wish all who can would write me, although I cannot promise a reply. I would like so much to have some pieces of ribbon, silk scraps, or anything in the embroidery line.

Thanking all in advance for any kind favor and with heartfelt wishes to each dear sister.

I am yours lovingly at the foot of the Cross,

MRS. CHAS. GRAHAM, Walnut, Kansas.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

May I say a few words of praise for dear old COMFORT? I don't think I could get along without it. I like the Sisters' Corner, and also the stories.

I am twenty-four years old, five feet one and one half inches tall, weigh about one hundred and thirty-five pounds, blue eyes, light hair. I have been married three years and have two of the dearest little girls. One is twelve years old and the baby is nine months. I don't think home is complete without children, do you sisters?

I will tell you of this country. We came here last July from Coeur d'Alene City, Idaho. You will find this part of the country a rolling prairie, the soil is very black and sandy, the sub soil a heavy clay.

Our crops this season were rather small, only twelve bushels to the acre. We have a half section of land, and we are going to try our luck at farming in the spring. This is a fine place for a poor man to get a start. We would like to see our neighborhood settled with families so we could have schools. If any of the sisters wish to know more of this country, kindly write me as I would be more than pleased to give all the information I can.

In closing I wish COMFORT and our editor a long life, I remain,

MRS. CHAS. TIDWELL, Chaplin Sask., Canada.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

As I never have read a letter from this part of the state, I thought I would drop in for a short chat. I too, must express my love and appreciation for COMFORT and all its workers. I have not been a subscriber very long, but expect to be from this on.

We live in the western part of Indiana, in the great coal mining district, in sight of seven large shafts. The seven produces about ten or twelve thousand tons daily. Wages are ninety-five cents per ton. Day work is two dollars and seventy cents a day. Boys over fourteen and under sixteen get one dollar and twenty-five cents a day. Board from four dollars and fifty cents to six dollars a week. Everything is high priced here.

I am the mother of eight children; seven boys and one girl. I have deep sympathy with those who have lost their loved ones for I have a dear father and mother and two little boy companions in that blissful clime and hope some day to meet them, never to part, and then all tears will be wiped from our eyes. I have a boy sixteen years old who is trapping in the mine. Another boy fourteen years old does odd jobs wherever he can find them. Two boys and one girl are in school and have a mile and a half to go.

It is cold here and snow on the ground.

Mrs. Louis Dilthurner. I know how to sympathize with you on getting nervous with children, for I am very nervous, especially when they cry.

Mrs. Annie Adamson. I never could make good pie crust until I read your recipe and tried it. I find so many good recipes in dear old COMFORT that I cut out and save most of them.

My husband was stricken with tuberculosis a year ago in February and hasn't been able to work since. He has tried all the doctors here and all kinds of medicine he could hear of, and everything has failed to help him. Dear editor, do you think a change of climate would do any good? We lost our darling baby three months ago. He was nine months old and just beginning to talk. Dear sisters, I am very sad and lonely without him, but God knows best.

In closing will say I should be pleased to receive letters from you.

MRS. GEO. M. PERRY, Clinton, Ver. Co., Ind.

Mrs. Perry. Your letter tells us that you are enduring some severe trials, but with a brave and faithful heart. It would appear that a change of climate might be beneficial to your husband.

Arizona and Colorado are both noted resorts, for people suffering from pulmonary diseases.

Out-of-door life, regular habits, nourishing

and easily digested food, plenty of sleep and

mild form of exercise constitute the best treatment for these cases.

We shall be interested to hear from you again Mrs. Perry, and I hope you may be able to say that your husband is improving.

To those two helpful boys I send this message: Keep close to your dear mother, be her helper and companion in her every-day life. No one can appreciate it as she will, and you in years to come will be glad, and realize that while traveling hand-in-hand with her, you were developing traits that are found in our best beloved countrymen. Keep straight ahead boys!—Ed.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:

As I have been a silent reader of the Sisters' Corner for so many years I will try and describe myself and I suppose there will be many a smile when this is read. I am a mother and grandmother, having had a large family of children, nine of whom are living, six are married and what a happy family we are when all are together.

I am fifty-two years old, a farmer's wife, and do nursing at odd times.

As I felt to do something for COMFORT shut-ins, I send in same mail five subscriptions and also my renewal. If all the subscribers would do the same how happy some poor shut-in would be!

Don't think I am this old and have not found some crosses to bear in this world. But I am trying to serve God and have that faith that He will carry us through if we but do His will. Now may God bless you and all that are so faithfully trying to aid the suffering ones in the wish of one of your devoted readers.

MRS. JOHN C. DUPLEX, Bainbridge, R. R., Pa.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I have been a reader of COMFORT for a long time and am going to send in my mite.

Mrs. Kinch. I have suffered a great deal from kidney trouble, sometimes my back would be so bad that I could hardly get out of a chair, or turn myself in bed. About five months ago I began to drink all the cold water that I could; say two cups before breakfast and as much as I could between meals and at bedtime, not drinking any with my food. I have no trouble with my kidneys now, neither do I feel any lameness to speak of. You may think as I did that that is too simple; but I think it has helped me.

With best wishes to you all,

MRS. EMMA L. BRADFORD, Waldoboro, Maine.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

I have often thought of writing to our corner and when I read Mrs. Henderson's request for the song, "Scatter Seeds of Kindness," I decided to do so.

My, what should we all do without COMFORT! I live in southeast Kansas where it is very rough and rocky. There is a good deal of sandstone here, but not much used for building purposes.

I am a farmer's wife, twenty-five years old the 7th of Sept. Who has the same birthday?

Our crops were a failure this year on account of the drought. We farmed in Missouri last year and our crops failed there on account of drought, so you see we have had two bad years together. I am one of those that always says "well it might have been worse." However so, although if I get the "blues," they don't last long. We are all strong and healthy and that is better than good crops.

We have three children, two girls with a boy between aged four, three and one, so you see I have something to do. I do quite a little drawnwork and have some patterns of my own make.

As many of you express your ideas of Woman's Rights, will say I don't think a woman should vote just as "hubby" does simply because he votes that way. Study all ideas and choose the best whether it is his way or not.

I enjoy the talks on rearing children and they have helped me so much.

Try cleaning your nickle plumbing and porcelain bath tub with baking soda, also oil cloths on tables or shelves.

Skinned milk will make an oiled floor shine.

Wishing you all a happy and successful year, I am,

MRS. STELLA GARDNER BAKER, Sedan, Kans.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

What paper is dearer than COMFORT?

I want to express myself on the subject of voting and I do not mean to hurt anyone's feelings; these are simply my ideas.

I am not one of the voting women; for if woman be taken out of her sphere—so large and so important that the poet has well said: "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world," if she gets before the public as a voter, I think she gets into a position of great danger, as woman was meant to be a true wife and is happy when endeavoring to make her family happy and rejoice in their manifestations of appreciation of her efforts. I think the unnatural conditions would spoil her womanhood and make her mannish. Nature has set the metes and bounds of the sexes, not only in physical contour, but equally in qualities of heart and head—adapting each to the other so thoroughly that any interference with, or disregard of her laws is sure to work injury in the end, however beneficial the changes may temporarily appear to be. The quality of approbation which nature has so freely bestowed upon woman and which rightly exercised is so helpful to her, to her home and family is almost certain to become a snare to her if exercised toward the public. The very womanliness of woman renders her peculiarly liable, not only to stumble herself in her attempts to claim, but liable also to stumble others, and the Apostle writes: "I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over a man but to be in silence." 1 Tim. 2:11, 12.

Your well-wisher,

MRS. J. V. MIX, Vacaville, Solano Co., Cal.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I have taken COMFORT for about ten years, but didn't write as I thought I could not do as much good as others did, not being gifted to write. I enjoy the letters and we have a great love for Uncle Charlie, too. May God spare him in the good work he is doing.

We have a good farm and a good situation, but as my husband has lung trouble, we would like to sell our farm and go elsewhere, to a more favorable place for him.

Do the sisters know of a suitable place in a farming community? Please write us for which we would be very thankful.

Dear sisters, we send our children to Sunday school

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Madam, It Can't Be Done

No matter how skillful one is as a cook, one cannot make beans digestible in a home oven. It simply can't be done.

Some housewives say they prefer home-baked beans. Perhaps pride in one's skill has to do with it.

Men almost universally prefer Van Camp's.

But the real question isn't of pride, taste or convenience. It's a question of simple digestion. Beans can't be made digestible in any home oven. They will invariably, when eaten, ferment and form gas.

Think how little it matters how good a food is if digestion is hard or impossible.

The center of the baking dish rarely gets heated above 100 degrees. That's not half enough heat for beans.

The top beans may be crisped, but not the beans farther down. Their granules remain unbroken, so the digestive juices cannot act.

Beans should be baked at 245 degrees. They should be baked in small parcels so the full heat goes through. They should be baked in live steam so the fierce heat won't crisp the beans or burst them.

That's how Van Camp's are baked.

That's why they are nut-like, mealy and whole. And that's why they digest without trouble.

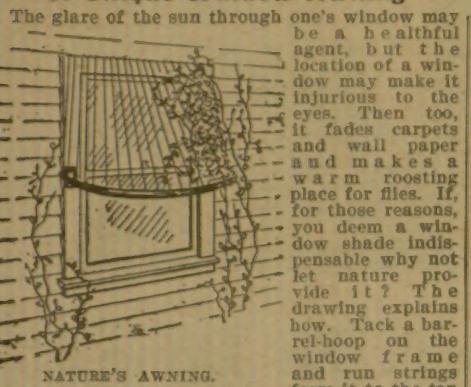
This wholesale baking is naturally cheaper than home baking if one figures fuel.

The beans come to your table with the freshly-baked flavor—just as though baked at home.

Both the pork and tomato sauce are baked with the beans, supplying a delicious

Handy, Easy-to-Make Articles for Kitchen Household Helps

A Unique Window Awning



NATURE'S AWNING.

The glare of the sun through one's window may be a healthful agent, but the location of a window may make it injurious to the eyes. Then too, it fades carpets and wall paper and makes a warm roasting place for files. If, for those reasons, you deem a window shade indispensable why not let nature provide it? The drawing explains how. Tack a barrel hoop on the window frame and run strings from it to the top of the window. Train a morning glory or other vine to grow across the strings and it will soon cover them completely. It is easy to see that you can make a thing of beauty out of this simple and practical idea.

A Bread Raiser

If you will make and use this bread raiser, I feel certain that you would not part with it for ten times the amount of money you spend for COMFORT for a whole year. The quickest way to explain it is to say that it is simply a box with one shelf in the center and a glass door in front. The latter feature enables you to see the sponge without opening the door and letting out the heat. Set the raiser on top of the stove where the heat is mild and even. A little experimenting will teach you just where it can be used to best advantage. The plan is a proven one and you should not fail to utilize it.

The bread is kept from the air, a crust will not form on top while rising and no direct heat reaches it—three important things to insure good bread.

A Dish-pan Support

As a general rule the sink pan is too low for comfort in washing dishes, and the result is tired backs and ruffled tempers. The wooden support shown here can be made in a half hour by the boy of the house. An onion crate or a soap box will be material enough. Show him this plan and bid him get busy. He will be glad to do so and you will wonder why you ever did without it so long.

When not in use the frame can be hung under the sink or outside the door.

Fresh Air Closet

In the north and east, cellars are used to preserve food and produce, in the south and west open air is the preservative and elevated sheds are used. The drawing shows a southern style refrigerator that might be used to good advantage in any locality. It is simply a small shed built on high posts and arranged so that pure air can circulate through it at all times. It is useful as a storing place for dried fruits, smoked meats, seeds, bulbs and such stuff, but of course, anything injured by frost must not be so exposed in the severe weather. If you take the trouble to have such a house built so many uses will arise for it that you will wonder how you got along without it.

A Pail Truck

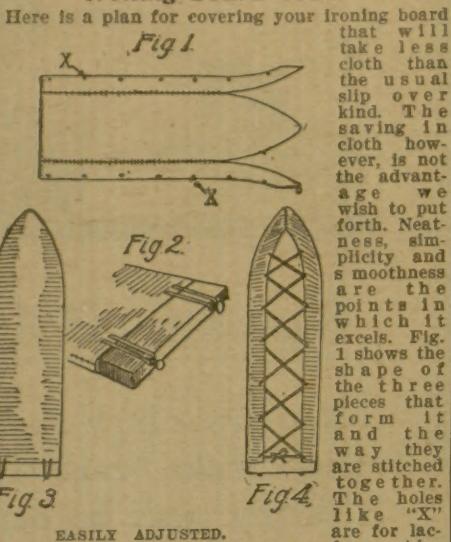
Scrubbing and mopping should both come under the heading "Household drudgery." Not the easiest part of either is moving the pail from place to place. The simple truck pictured here will relieve you of much of this back-breaking work. It is so easy to make, too, and costs practically nothing. In fact it is nothing more than a short piece of plank, with three casters fitted in to holes in the under side. If you make it out of light boards nail them together with two cross cleats as shown. Study the drawings and you will be able to tell your husband just how you want it made, or better still get out the hammer and saw and make it yourself.

A Handy Shelf

This little take-down shelf consists of a flat wide board hinged to the wall and supported by a brace that is hinged to the wall at its base or lower end. The shelf is handy for mixing bread, washing dishes, as a serving table, or a resting place for hot bread or pastry. When not in use it hangs flat against the wall and occupies very little space. The place to put the shelf is a question you can best decide for yourselves. The kitchen, storeroom or back porch are perhaps the most desirable locations for it. You can make it more elaborate if you wish, the plan is merely to furnish the idea.

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Ironing Board Cover



EASILY ADJUSTED.

Here is a plan for covering your ironing board that will take less cloth than the usual slip over kind. The saving in cloth however, is not the advantage we wish to put forth. Neatness, simplicity and smoothness are the points in which it excels. Fig. 1 shows the shape of the three pieces that form it and the way they are stitched together. The holes like "X" are for lacing, the

two loops, shown in Fig. 2 are to slip over nail heads in the end of the board. A cover of this kind can be removed or put on very quickly, and is always tight and free from wrinkles.

Ironing Board Closet

The closet, whose use is clearly explained by the picture, can be cut into the wall by removing the plaster and lath and lining with thin boards. A couple of small shelves for irons, wax, holders and other accessories are put in at the lower end. The ironing board has one hinged leg upon which it rests while in use, the other end being screwed to a round stick, which fits into holes in the sides of the closet. Instead of this arrangement, a large hinge at the wall end of the board would do. The board folds up into the cabinet or closet when not in use. It takes a little careful work and expense to put this plan into effect, but it is well worth trying.

Portable Table

This kitchen table although very simple and ordinary looking has a variety of uses. In the first place it is specially built, being small enough to pass through the door, having a commodious drawer on each side, and wide shelf underneath and casters on the legs. It holds a surprising amount of stuff and is very useful for baking or canning time. No matter how heavily laden, it is easily pushed about or from place to place even when loaded. A long piece of scantling and a few scrap boards are all the material needed. If you are a mechanic you can make it neater than shown in the picture, but our design is a good one for utility. It could be used in a room where there was no closet, giving the occupant a convenient place to hang his clothing without becoming rumpled from being thrown carelessly over chairs. If one has a closet it can be easily placed inside or into another room, when sweep-

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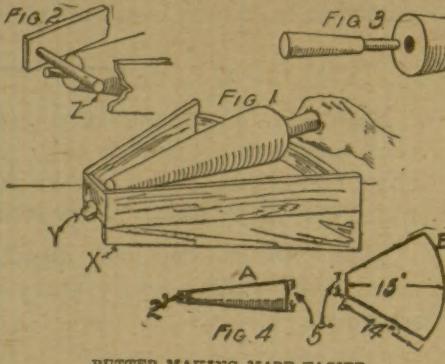


THE HOUSEKEEPER'S FRIEND.

kitchen to dining-room. As a suggestion, pile your dishes on it and push it to the table, or take your dirty dishes away with it, using it in the meantime as a serving table. Build it strong enough to hold the preserving kettle, clothes boiler or chopping bowl and you will have a convenience as helpful to you as a new servant.

A Butter Worker

This plan will no doubt be useful to many of our readers. It is a shallow three-cornered box, the wide end of which is curved. At the pointed end of the box is the outlet. The roller is made of wood and tapers from five inches in diameter at the handle end to two inches at the point.



BUTTER MAKING MADE EASIER.

For a handle drive a peg made from broom handle into a hole in the thick end of the roller. It is used by putting the butter in the box and rolling it back and forth for several minutes. The dimensions of the box are shown by the diagram "B."

Egg Tester

Here is an egg-testing box that gives good results and is easy to make. The box must be well made and so tightly jointed that all light is excluded.

It is then painted black on the inside or covered with black cloth. The cover also fits snugly and is bored with a dozen holes just large enough to set an egg into, as shown.

In one end of the box cut a square hole about two inches by two inches and cover it with a tin hood shaped like a pyramid.

It may be cut in one piece as the pattern Fig. 2. All we need now is a mirror placed on

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WELL, my dears, here we are again in the same old spot. I need not tell you I am glad to see your smiling faces once again, I know that. Christmas is an old story with you now, but the holly and mistletoe are still over my bed. A kind friend was responsible for the mistletoe, but, alas! the only one who took advantage of it was silly the Goat. I would not have minded Billy the Goat kissing me under the mistletoe, as I don't know what part of one's anatomy the mistletoe is (maybe it's the toe next to the big toe), but, alas! Billy kissed me under the nose, and I haven't quite recovered from the shock yet. I want to thank all the dear souls who contributed to my happiness on Christmas day, especially do I thank those who got up clubs for Uncle Charlie's two books, and also those who purchased same. The letters that came in with these clubs often brought the tears to my eyes. I am positive no man since earth began, has ever received such tender, loving, beautiful tributes of appreciation and affection, as daily come to me. I suppose this is God's way of making amends for those ghastly, dark, terrible hospital days of yore, when no one cared whether I lived or died. I kept saying to myself all through the year of 1910: "Oh, I do hope I am spared to see another Christmas," for I just love Christmas. I was delighted when December came, but my delight did not last long. I had scarcely written my monthly talk when I came down with grippe and bronchitis, and for fifteen days I didn't know if I was Uncle Charlie or Billy the Goat. For a time it looked as though I wasn't going to see Christmas after all—at least not in this world. Providence evidently thought there was still some more work for me to do, and the time Christmas came I was able to keenly enjoy every moment of the festive season. I wasn't able to eat any turkey or any of those cracked nuts and home-grown raisins that loving hearts on the Pacific coast so kindly send me every year, but I watched the others feast, and I was so happy I could have boozed for joy. Billy the Goat had a Christmas tree in one corner of our chicken coop, and Billy's mama and two brothers spent the day with us. You will



CHESTER E. ALLEN (27), FULLERTON, CAL.

those who need chairs (and this is the point I particularly want to make) help them to get the chair, instead of foolishly telling them to write for information, when we've no information to give that you yourself cannot impart. Get twenty of your friends to each get up a club of ten subscriptions to this magazine, two hundred subs in all, and the chair will be sent at once. That's the way to do it, if you want to be sure of a chair in a hurry. We make it possible for invalids and their friends to earn these chairs at the expense of a little effort—earn them by no monetary outlay at all on their part. Now you have the whole proposition in a nutshell—remember it please as space is too valuable to repeat it every month. We can give the wheel chairs only as fast as the subscriptions sent in by the Wheel-Chair Club or by the friends of the particular applicant warrant.

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Now for the letters.

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Can you make room for a little boy from old Ky?

I am just eight years old. I have no brothers. I had a dear little sister but the angels took her to live with them in Heaven, just eight months ago. You don't know how we miss her.

I go to school every day when it is not too bad. I am in the fourth grade. I hate to stay at home and miss a headmark. I have got fourteen headmarks already. My mother has taken COMFORT for a number of years and likes it better than any paper.

Everything looks very wintry this morning, the snow has drifted in some places almost as high as our fences.

I must tell you about my home. We live in Harrison Co., one of the richest in the state, we raise tobacco, corn, wheat, oats, and have lots of grass, but tobacco is our principal product. In the last ten days I have written two hundred and fifty postal cards, in answer to some of the most touching and beautiful letters that came to hand. Believe me, I will never forget the Christmas of 1910 nor the dear ones who helped to make it one of the brightest and happiest days of my life.

Now I want to ask you all a favor. You, who are regular readers of this magazine know all about our efforts to get wheel chairs for invalids. You know we give these chairs for two hundred subscriptions. These chairs are not given away for the asking. Someone has to earn them. You know that as well as I do. Now nothing makes us happier than to have you proclaim our good work to the world, but in letting the world know of this work, you nearly all innocently cause me a great deal of trouble. If you know of an invalid in your vicinity, you rush off to her and say: "Write to COMFORT, Augusta, Maine, they are giving twenty-five dollar wheel chairs away. They are great people, those COMFORT people, they do wonderful things for invalids, so just write them a letter, and you'll get a wheel chair in no time at all." Now that's just what lots of our readers do, and that is just what they shouldn't do, because you raise hopes in the breast of suffering souls, hopes which it is my painful duty later on to crush if not annihilate. Directly you tell these poor souls about these chairs, this is the way they write to us: "Gentlemen—I understand you give wheel chairs to invalids. Mr. Jones, one of your readers told me so. I've been crippled for a number of years, so send me a chair at once. My freight station is so and so. Let me hear from you right away. Yours truly—" All these letters are sent on to me, and then I have to undo all the work you have done, and destroy all the hopes you have raised.

This would be an easy matter if I had a dozen secretaries and a huge salary as the heads of all these charitable organizations have, but all this work I do myself, and it's done for love and not for pay, and it can be done with comparative ease and without expense, if you will give us your cordial co-operation. Every month you will find in these columns a notice about our invalid chairs. LENOIR BAKER, HAYWOOD, MO. In December issue it was on page 25, in January issue on page 27. All applications for chairs if accompanied by written references from a postmaster or physician are listed as soon as received. We have hundreds of names on that list, and it may be years before the names listed this month are reached. Those who can make no effort to earn chairs for themselves must wait until their names are reached on our list. The only way to get a chair is to work for it, or wait for it. There is no other way. Explain this fact to all



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Each waiter has an assistant (or accomplice) who performs certain acts, such as keeping your water glass filled, examining your hat to see if it is a Dublin Knox, Knapp, Felt de Lux, or merely a hat. The waiter also serves butter, switches out the empties, makes room for the perishables and

up, so do window shades. Balloons are sooting too. Girls, too, are so dear, a fellow can hardly touch them. I understand that even yeast is rising. I have a friend, named Price, who wants to take his family up to the top of Washington's monument. I begged him with tears in my eyes not to do it as Prices are high enough already. I am greatly interested in your experience in that swell chewing joint. I thought you knew that you bought style in these places, not grub. If you go into one of these swell bean joints to get your appetite upholstered, with an aristocratic bunch of pedigreed eats, you have got to separate yourself from a wad of mazumas that would pay the national debt twice over. I have had a lot of trouble in restaurants myself. It

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DAVID HARUM

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too. Chores before school an' after school, an' a two-mile walk to git there. As fur's clo'es was concerned, any ol' thing that'd hang together was good enough fer me; but by the time the older boys had outgrown their duds, an' they was passed on to me, the wa'n't much left on 'em. A pair of old cowhide boots that leaked in more snow an' water 'n they kept out, an' a couple pairs of woolen socks that was putty much all darns, was expected to see me through the winter, an' I went barefoot it's the time the snow was off the ground till it flew agin in the fall. The wa'n't but two seasons o' the year with me—them of chilblains an' stun-bruisles."

The speaker paused and stared for a moment into the comfortable glow of the fire, and then, discovering to his apparent surprise that his cigar had gone out, lighted it from a coal picked out with the tongs.

"Farmin' is a hard life," remarked Mrs. Cul-lom, with an air of being expected to make some contribution to the conversation.

"An' yet, as it seems to me as I look back on't," David resumed pensively, "the wust on't was that nobody ever gin me a kind word, 'cept Polly. I s'pose I got kind o' used to bein' cold an' tired, dressin' in a snowdrift where it blowed into the attic, an' goin' out to fodder cattle 'fore sun-up, pickin' up stun in the blazin' sun, an' doin' all the odd jobs my father set me to, an' the older ones shirked onto me; that was the reglar order o' things; but I remember I never did git used to never pleasin' nobody. 'Cause I didn't expect nothin' f'm my stepmarm, an' the only way I ever knowed I'd done my stent, fur's father was concerned, was that he didn't say nothin'. But sometimes the older ones'd git settin' round, talkin' an' laughin', havin' popcorn an' apples, an' that, an' I'd kind o' sitde up, wantin' to join 'em, an' some on 'em'd say, 'What you doin' here? time you was in bed, an' give me a shove or a cuff. Yes, ma'am," looking up at Mrs. Cul-lom, "the wust on't was that I was kind o' scaffit the hull time. Once in a while Polly'd give me a morsel o' comfort, but Polly wa'n't but little older'me, an' bein' the youngest girl, was chored 'most to death herself."

It had stopped snowing, and though the wind still came in gusty blasts, whirling the drift against the windows, a wintry gleam of sunshine came in and touched the widow's wrinkled face.

"It's amazin' how much trouble an' sorror the' is in the world, an' how soon it begins," she remarked, moving a little to avoid the sunlight. "I hain't never been able to reconcile how many good things the' be, an' how little most of us gits o' them. I hain't ben to meetin' fer a long spell, 'cause I hain't had no fit clo'es, but I remember most of the preachin' I've set under either dwelt on the wrath to come, or else on the Lord's doin' all things well, an' providin'. I hope I ain't no wickeder than the gen'r'l run, but it's putty hard to hev faith in the Lord's providin' when you hain't got nothin' in the house but corn meal, an' none too much o' that."

"That's so, Mis' Cul-lom, that's so," affirmed David. "I don't blame ye a mite. 'Doubts as assail, an' oft prevail,' as the hymn-book says, an' I reckon it's a sight easier to have faith on meat an' potatoes 'n it is on corn-meal mush. Wa'al, as I was sayin'—I hope I ain't tirin' ye with my goin' on?"

"No," said Mrs. Cul-lom, "I'm engaged to hear ye, but nobody'd suppose, to see ye now, that ye was such a florn little critter as you make out."

"It's jest as I'm tellin' ye, an' more also, as the Bible says," returned David, and then, rather more impressively, as if he were leading up to his conclusion, "it come along to a time when I was 'twixt thirteen an' fourteen. The' was a cirkis billed to show down here in Homieville, an' evry barn an' shed fer miles around had pictures stuck onto 'em of elphants, an' rhinoceroses, an' evry animal that went into the ark; an' girls ridin' bareback an' jumpin' through hoops, an' fellers ridin' bareback an' turnin' summersets, an' doin' turnovers on swings; an' clowns gettin' hose-whipped, an' evry kind of a thing that could be pictered out; an' how the' was to be a grand percession at ten o'clock, 'ith golden charlots, an' scripular allegories, an' the bull bus'nis; an' the gran' performance at two o'clock—admission twenty-five cents, children under twelve, et cetera an' so forth. Wa'al, I hadn't no more idee o' goin' to that cirkis 'n I had o' flyin' to the moon; but the night before the show somethin' waked me 'bout twelve o'clock. I don't know how twas. I'd been helpin' mend fence all day, an' gen'ally I never knowed nothin' after my head struck the bed till mornin'. But that night, anyhow, somethin' waked me, an' I went an' looked out the windo', an' there was the hull thing goin' by the house. The' was more or less moon, an' I see the elphant, an' the big wagons—the drivers kind o' noddin' over the dash-boards—an' the charlots with canvas covers—I don't know how many of 'em—an' the cages of the tigers an' lions, an' all. Wa'al, I got up the next mornin' at sun-up an' done my chores; an' after breakfast I set off fer the ten-acre lot where I was mendin' fence. The ten-acre was the farthest off of any, Homeville way, an' I had my dinner in a tin pail so I needn't lose no time goin' home at noon, an' as luck would have it, the' wa'n't nobody with me that mornin'. Wa'al, I got down to the lot an' set to work; but somehow I couldn't git that show out o' my head nohow. As I said, I hadn't no more notion of goin' to that cirkis 'n I had of kingdom come. I never had two shillin' of my own in my hull life. But the more I thought on't the uneasier I got. Somethin' seemed pullin' an' haulin' at me, an' finely I gin in. I allowed I'd seen that percession anyway, if it took a leg, an' mebbe I'd git back 'ithout nobody missin' me. 'T any rate, I'd take the chances of a likkin' jest once—for that's what it meant—an' I up an' put fer the village lickity-cut. I done them four mile lively. I c'n tell ye, an' the stun-bruisles never hurt me once."

"When I got down to the village it seemed to me as if the hull population of Freeland County was there. I'd never see so many folks together in my life, an' fer a spell it seemed to me as if ev'rybody was a-lookin' at me an' sayin', 'That's old Harum's boy Dave, playin' hookey, an' I sneaked round dreadin' somebody'd give me away; but I finely found that nobody wa'n't payin' any attention to me; they was there to see the show, an' one red-headed boy more or less wa'n't no particular account. Wa'al, putty soon the percession hove in sight, an' the' was a reg-lar stampede among the boys, an' when it got by, I run an' ketched up with it agin' an' walked alongside the elphant, the pa'll an' all, till they fetched up inside the tent. Then I went off to one side—it must 'a' been about 'leven or half-past—an' eat my dinner (I had a devorin' appetite), an' thought I'd jes walk round a spell, an' then light out fer home. But the' was so many things to see an' hear—all the side-show pictures of Fat Women, an' Livin' Skellitons, an' Wild Women of Madygasker, an' Wild Men of Borneo, an' snakes windin' round women's necks; hand-orgins, fellers that played the cordon an' mouth pipes an' drum an' cymbals all to once, an' such like—that I forgot all about the time, an' went into the ten-acre lot, an' the stun fence; an' fust I knowned, the foks was makin' fer the ticket-wagin, an' the band begun to play inside the tent. Be I taxin' your patience over the limit?" said David, breaking off in his story and addressing Mrs. Cul-lom more directly.

"No, I guess not," she replied; "I was jes' thinkin' of a circus I went to once," she added, with an audible sigh.

"Wa'al," said David, taking a last farewell of the end of his cigar, which he threw into the grate, "mebbe what's comin' 'll int'rest ye more'n the rest on't has. I was standin' gawpin' round, list'nin' to the band an' watchin' the folks git their tickets, when all of a sudden I felt a twitch at my hair—it had a way of workin' out of the holes in my old chip straw hat—an' somebody says to me, 'Wa'al, sonny, what you think—

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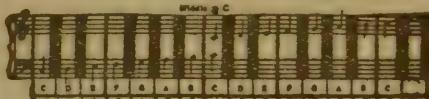
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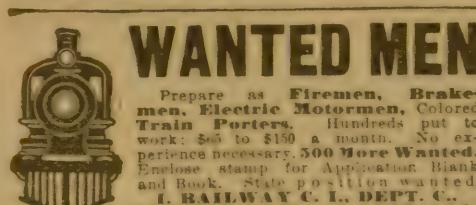
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The official social season of the National Capital begins with the announcement of the State Receptions and dinner programs, which is issued by the secretary of the President, during the month of December.

The President and Mr. Taft follow the usual

custom which has been in vogue for many years and give nine state functions each season. These are the New Year's Reception, which is the only affair intended for the general public, the Diplomatic Reception, the Diplomatic dinner, the dinner in honor of the Cabinet, the Judicial Reception, the Supreme Court dinner, the Congressional Reception, the Speaker's Dinner and the Army and Navy Reception.

Besides these official affairs, there are countless other entertainments of all kinds, dinners, luncheons, and receptions to visiting foreigners, and Americans of political and social importance, and all sorts of delegations and commissions from all parts of this country and representatives of various industries and institutions of the territorial possessions of the United States.

Then, there are teas, dances, and musicales and of course dinners for the personal friends and for the benefit and enjoyment of the family themselves.

Under the present administration the invitation list for the state receptions is much smaller than in former years, when practically all Washington officialdom was included, as well as the old resident society and of course personal friends. All members of the press, of sufficient standing to be in the Congressional Directory, were also recipients of a call from the White House messenger either on horseback or a bicycle, who left the much coveted big white envelope, with its magic bit of pasteboard, which for one evening, four times each winter, put the humblest weekly correspondent on the same social plane as the Senatorial dignitaries of his home state.

representatives and the various Congressional Committees, whose special charge is the foreign relations of this government, and also the favored coterie whose friendship with the President's family and the Cabinet make them always welcome and come desirable.

The same rule applies to the other three, save perhaps the Army and Navy which is the last and by many

considered the most thoroughly brilliant and characteristically American.

Those who are fortunate enough to be able to choose which one or two of these affairs to attend, invariably select either the first or last or both.

The Diplomatic Reception is the most spectacular because so many of the Ambassadors and Ministers appear in the costumes of their native land, while the Army and Navy is the most gorgeous of

all in the vast display of gold lace, splendid uniforms and clanking swords, to say nothing of

the halo of glory which hovers over the heads of these war lords. Here is one time when the girl hero-worshiper may feast her eyes to complete satisfaction, for there are more heroes scattered around than humble citizens. Grizzled veterans of the Civil War, bronzed Spanish War veterans and last but by no means least or less heroic the handsome gallant recently graduated officers fresh from West Point and Annapolis.

With the number of guests so materially reduced the receptions are infinitely more enjoyable than the great crushes could possibly be, for the simple reason that now, one has an opportunity to sit down or move about with ease and not only see, but also be seen.

Madame Romero, the wife of one of the former Mexican Ambassadors, is accredited with having once said that it mattered not what one wore to a White House Reception as nothing else but the coiffure showed.

To the male element, the change must be a matter of great relief as a man may now move about and still lift his feet since the necessity of slowly shoving them along to keep off the trailing draperies of the feminine portion of the assemblage is no longer such constant menace to his peace of mind.

Since the remodelling of the President's Palace all guests at these large functions, except those holding special cards, enter the building through the basement corridor, where a portion of it is fitted up as a cloakroom. Here each arrival is met by neat maids and deft men whose sole duty it is, to check and care for all wraps and belongings and to also render any little service that may be desired. These maids are all capped and daubed aproned and more than ready to

attend the Senatorial dignitaries of his home state.



THE GREAT "EAST ROOM," WHITE HOUSE.

Naturally, under these conditions, the Executive Mansion was always packed and jammed upon these occasions, when from two to over three thousand people formed in line and passed before the President, his wife and the receiving line. While the President always managed to shake hands with each person presented to him, such an ordeal was beyond the physical endurance of any of the First Ladies though many of them bravely tried to keep it up.

The invitation privilege was much abused, in many instances, cards were transferred to people who had not the slightest pretense of a claim for any such consideration. Another feature of the misuse of these invitations was the fact that they were bought and sold, sometimes bringing very high prices from individuals with less self respect and honor than money. Difficult as it may seem, there are even cases where the cards were stolen and a slight change made in the initials, or prefix, and actually presented by the guilty ones. Of course these matters were investigated and as a result a formidable black list was constructed which would help to defend the dignity of these functions from being thus disgraced.

As a result of much deliberation over the cards and the manner in which they were treated, it was finally decided to restrict each State Reception to the class of guests for which it was given, as far as was consistent. For instance the first one, the Diplomatic Reception is largely confined to the Diplomats, their families and

put the finishing touches to milady's toilet, such as exchanging carriage boots for slippers, tucking in a stray hair, settling refractory bows or frills and giving the last twitch to the train. Once free of wraps, the guests have practically the run of the entire main floor, but upon ascending the stairway it is customary for them all to assemble in the enormous East room and wait until the President has first received those for whom the Reception is given. For instance at the Diplomatic Reception held January 10th, the Diplomats assembled in the Red parlor while the other guests remained in the East room until the Presidential party had received all of the foreign representatives.

In order to give the White House its very best appearance Mrs. Taft allows nothing to be removed from the rooms at these affairs. All rugs, settees, bric à brac, ornaments, and hangings are left in their places, and wherever flowers and plants may be placed to add to the beauty of the general scheme, there they may be found, and the visitor has the satisfaction of knowing that he is seeing every bit of the furnishings that belongs to the place.

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RUBY'S REWARD

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then he asked Ruby if she felt equal to climbing to the top of the bridge.

"Is that question intended as a sarcasm upon the amount of Mrs. Ruggles' good things that I have managed to dispose of?" she asked, laughing, but with a saucy toss of her head.

"No, indeed; I should not presume to indulge in anything of the kind after my own degradations upon that basket," Walter returned, "but I thought the climb might be wearisome for you."

"Oh, I shall not mind that, and it does not look so very far; although I have learned that distances are very deceptive in this region."

"The ascent is not difficult; the only trouble will be that you may grow dizzy from the immense height."

"My head is not a very giddy one, as I think I have already proved," Ruby returned, tossing it gayly. "I am not apt to lose it, as the boys say, over anything. So if you will take the trouble to pilot me I am ready to begin my pilgrimage."

The ascent was steep, but there was a good path all the way up, for many feet passed back and forth that way during the summer-time.

But Mr. Marshall was not very strong, having been somewhat of an invalid that season, and he gave out before half the distance was accomplished, and his wife would not go on without him, hence our young people were obliged to proceed alone.

This was no hardship to them—though they were sorry their friends should lose the fine view that was to be obtained from the bridge.

The top was at length gained, when Walter turned and again held out his hand to Ruby.

"Let me steady you until you get a little accustomed to it," he said, and she hesitatingly complied with a trustful little smile that set all his pulses bounding. The arch was perhaps fifteen or sixteen feet in width, though, owing to the great height and the length of its span, it appeared much narrower.

"Oh, what a fearful height!" Ruby said, under her breath, as she looked half fearfully around her. "It seems almost like being suspended in mid-air." Then, glancing at the opposite side, she asked: "Has anybody ever crossed it?"

"Yes, many people; I have been over once, but I hardly think it's a safe exploit, for a little giddiness, a single misstep might send one to the bottom of the ravine, while there is no way of egress on the opposite side, as you perceive; the rock is almost perpendicular."

"I do not believe that anybody has crossed it this year," Ruby remarked, "for most grows like a carpet over it, and the ivy, trailing all about looks as if not a single leaf had been disturbed."

Walter called her attention to the view to be obtained on both sides of the bridge, and where they could get some idea of the immense gorge, which some violent upheaval or convulsion of nature must have opened there in the very heart of the mountain in the ages past.

It was a weird, yet beautiful and impressive scene, for the gorgeous tints of autumn were everywhere, and made bright and lovely pictures and contrasts against the gray and moss-grown rocks.

"How prettily that tree grows out over the edge of the rocks," said Ruby, calling Walter's attention to a birch not far from them, "while those wreaths of red and yellow woodbine trailing over it make it very picturesque. Oh! and I really believe there are some *Cladonia rangiferina*, or reindeer lichen growing at the foot of it. I must have them—they are fine specimens and very rare," and without a thought of the danger lurking on every hand, intent only upon gaining possession of the treasures that she had discovered, she sprang forward to gather them.

Walter did not apprehend any danger. The roots of the tree did not seem to be very near the brink, though the upper portion of the trunk and branches overhung it. Yet, if they had but known it, the rock sloped away treacherously there, and was concealed by the rank growth of woodbine, which twined all about the tree.

"Let me get them for you, Miss Gordon," Walter said, stepping forward. "I cannot bear to see you run the slightest risk."

But she was already on her knees at the foot of the tree and she looked up at him with a bright little laugh.

"I will be very careful," she said. "See! I have hold of the trunk of the tree very firmly, and these lichens are very choice and tender. I dare not trust them to your handling, as they require delicate treatment."

"They are pretty," Walter remarked, watching her white hands as she deftly separated them from the rock.

"Yes; there is quite a wealth of them here, too, and I can make such pretty things of them with different kinds of moss and dainty shells. I will send you something at Christmas to remind you of this lovely trip."

"You are very kind; I shall be glad of the souvenir, but I shall not need anything to remind me of this day," the young man replied, thinking that he could never forget the pretty picture that she made, in her dainty blue dress and white hat among the gold and red of the autumn tinted woodbine.

"I wish I had a little basket to put these in," Ruby continued; as she held up a handful of the little bright caps and looked at them lovingly.

"Put them in my hat until we go down, and then I will deposit them in the lunch-basket," Walter said, removing his straw hat, and bending to receive the lichens.

"Thanks," she answered, as she spread her handkerchief in it before depositing her treasures. "Are there more than you wish to gather?" her companion asked.

He could not bear to have her remain there so near that frightful precipice, and yet there did not seem to be any danger with that tree between it and her.

"Yes, there were just a few more particularly fine ones, she told him, as she stooped forward to get them.

In doing so, she leaned her weight more heavily against the tree, and, without an instant's warning, its rotten, deceitful trunk, whose sap had all gone to nourish the few thrifty branches at the top, snapped short of.

Ruby lost her balance, and with a cry of horror, went slipping down toward that frightful abyss, from which there could be no rescue.

"Oh, Walter, save me!" she cried, turning her imploring eyes and death-like face to him.

He sprang toward her, terror written upon every feature of his own white face, while he knew that if he should live for centuries he should never forget that appealing cry, those anguish eyes, and blear lips.

But even before he could stretch out his hand to help her, he saw that she could go no farther, for her dress had caught upon the stump of the

tree, while the tangled woodbine which had grown so closely about it held her fast.

He was not five seconds in reaching her, but that would have been long enough for her to have been past all human aid, but for that ragged, splintered trunk, and those closely interwoven vines.

He reached down and firmly grasped the hand that she stretched forth to him.

"You are safe," he said, reassuringly. "Wait just an instant until I can get a firmer footing, then I will lift you up."

He planted one foot securely between the trunk and the trunk of the tree, for he knew the danger that a single false move would entail, while neither tree nor vines would be strong enough to bear their united weight if he also should lose his balance.

Then he stooped and put his arm around her slight form, and drew her safely up and away from the fearful peril that had menaced her.

It was a very narrow escape, and both were weak and faint from the trying experience.

They stood looking into each other's face for a few moments, speechless and trembling. Both were of the hue of death, while neither appeared to be aware that Walter had encircled the girl he had saved with both arms, as if thus he would shield her from all future harm.

"You have saved me!" Ruby at length breathed, her white lips scarcely equal to the effort of framing the words, while she lifted her expectant eyes to his.

"Oh, my darling, if I had not saved you!" he began, but his voice quivered and broke at the sense of desolation that swept over him with the thought of what the future would have been if she had now been lying, bleeding and mangled, in that cavern below.

For a minute longer they stood, eye looking into eye, while their souls seemed to say that henceforth they would belong to each other; though, even in that supreme moment, Walter said to himself that no word of his should tempt her to seal her gratitude with any impetuous pledge.

He was conscious that he had grown to love her as a man loves only once in his life; but he resolved that he would win her by the power of that love alone. He would not be guilty of taking advantage of her present weakness, or sense of obligation to him, to surprise any confession from her; and yet she was clinging to him with such an eager, convulsive hold, that he could hardly resist folding her to his heart and soothing her with the fond words that were ready to burst from his lips, and were only restrained by the power of his strong will.

"Come," he said, as he felt how she was still trembling, "let us go down from here, or would you prefer to rest a while before making the attempt?"

"Yes; I must sit down for a few minutes. I am so weak that I cannot walk," she whispered, and leaning so heavily upon him that he feared she was going to faint.

But she did not, and helped her a little away from the spot where she had come so near losing her precious life, and seated her gently on the ground.

Then he went back to get his hat and the lichens, which lay scattered on the rock where he had dashed them in his mad fear. He even stopped to gather a few more, thinking that Ruby would grow calm more quickly if left to herself for a little while.

When he went back to her, he found her sitting with bowed head in a reverent fashion, and he knew instinctively that she was giving thanks for the great mercy that had saved her from a dreadful death.

She looked up and smiled, however, as he came forward, holding out one little, still trembling hand to him.

"Next to God, I owe you most grateful thanks," she said, with deep emotion.

He knelt down beside her and touched his lips to her hand.

"Gratitude is not a word to be used between us, Ruby," he said, softly, and she seemed to recognize the fact, for her lovely eyes drooped quickly, and a burning blush swept over her face in spite of her pallor.

Walter was almost sorry he had allowed himself to say so much, but he had uttered the words almost before he was aware of what he was saying. She had not appeared to resent them, however; indeed, that quick blush had kindled within his heart a hope that she might be learning to regard him with a tenderer feeling than that of mere friendship.

A silence fell over them for a time, but it was at length broken by Ruby, who asked, with a new shyness in her manner:

"Will you take me down now, please? I am feeling much better, and—and do not say anything to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall about my accident; I would rather they did not know."

"Very well, I will not mention it," Walter returned, and she allowed him to support her down the path until they came in sight of their friends, when she assumed a composure and brightness which she was far from feeling, and kept it up until she was seated in the carriage and on her way back to Farmer Buggles' home.

The drive home was more quiet than that of the morning had been, for Ruby and Walter still felt the effects of the terrible shock which they had received, while, too, both were conscious of a new hope and experience that had been born within them.

At Ruby's request, it was agreed that upon their return nothing should be said of her narrow escape, and thus Robert Gordon never knew how near he came to losing his idolized sister on that bright autumn day among the mountains.

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The Sweet Pea Lady

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING PART.

Sophy Purlington, young and attractive, standing before her mirror, unconsciously talks to herself. Her nose and thick lips worry her. God intended Negroes to have them but for white people it is too much and she recalls an advertisement where one can make flesh come off where you want it to and come on where you want it to. Walking along the street she finds a little lad, not more than two years old, crying "Gammie! Gammie!" Her first thought is to call the police, but a newsboy coming along knows Tibby and directs Sophy to his home. Coming into the alley the little boy catches sight of the weather-worn house and a faint voice calls "Tibby, Tibby!" Turning, Sophy sees the aged grandmother and explains where and how she finds Tibby, and when she leaves, promising to come again the next day, she thinks how much she has to be thankful for, and forgets all but the old lady and little boy. Going the next day Sophy takes a bouquet of sweet peas and carrots for Tibby while Gammie sleeps. She becomes a regular visitor. Gammie grows more feeble, and at last is obliged to have the doctor—"the best young man in the world."

PART II.

GAMMIE talked so much about the "young doctor" that Sophy became somewhat anxious to see him, and to know his name, yet she did not like to ask lest Gammie might think her too curious. The "young doctor" was also wishing that he might see the "Sweet Pea Lady" as Tibby and Gammie invariably called her. It seemed so strange they never happened there together! One day they seemed to have just missed each other—or at least the doctor thought so—for on the steps he found a dainty handkerchief. "Sweet Peas," he said to himself as he picked it up, and read the initials, "S. P." In

one corner. He did not know that the letters "S. P." stood for Sophy Purlington, but what did it matter? They stood for "Sweet Pea" too, and was she not the "Sweet Pea Lady" to him as well as to Tibby and Gammie? He realized that he might leave the handkerchief with Gammie to be returned to the rightful owner, but strange as it may seem his conscience did not trouble him to any great extent in keeping it, consequently it disappeared into the inner pocket of his coat, and lodged there—or until he happened to change his coat—when the handkerchief was changed, too.

He did not speak for several minutes then he said, "I wish you had not come tonight."

Sophy, having met him so few hours before, and knowing so little about doctors anyway, hardly knew how to take this remark. After waiting a moment, she looked up frankly and said:

"Why, will I trouble you? I do not mean to."

"O, not that, not that! But Gammie cannot live, and I wished to spare you from witnessing anything of the sort."

Sophy, with no hesitancy whatever, turned sweetly to him and said, "I'm not afraid with you, doctor. May I stay?"

For several moments all was still, then his hand gently touched hers as it rested on the foot of Gammie's bed, and the words, "I brave little girl!" spoken in tones she could never forget, sounded in her ears.

All this time Gammie lay unconscious. These two young people were alone together, or might as well have been, for Betty was as unconscious as Gammie herself. It was only their second meeting, yet each felt that they had always been friends—a feeling which comes to one but once in a lifetime. Neither spoke—but watched. Two hours passed, but apparently no change. Then Gammie stirred slightly. Both stepped quickly to her side, but all was still. They waited at each other and both understood. Gammie had gone in her own peaceful way as she had always lived.

When all was over the question arose as to what should become of Tibby. Should he be sent to an orphan asylum, the Home for Little Wanderers, or would somebody take him? He heard some ladies discussing the matter, and immediately informed them of his own opinion. They smiled as they heard him say, "We live wiv Sweet Pea Lady. Me go wiv her." If Sophy could have taken him at once, but her father and mother objected. It was talked over with all, the doctor included, and he felt sure that his sister, who was very fond of children, would take the child for the winter. Thus it ended in Tibby's being carried off one day in the doctor's big carriage, with the "Git up bossy," as Tibby called it. Many tears were shed as he said good by to Sophy, and he begged her to come with the doctor, too,—which needless to say she did not do, although in the days to come, more than once as she called to see Tibby, she was carried home with the "Git up bossy," and many times Tibby, too, was taken along.

Two years passed. A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Purlington. The house throughout was decorated with sweet peas, and even the bride and bridesmaid carried immense bouquets of the same flower. It was a mystery to many of the guests how they were able to find so many sweet peas in all Boston. "Why is it," they asked, "that each room is decorated with the same flower?" No one seemed to know. Two presents, however, did know, and those were the bride and groom, for they were none other than Sweet Pea herself, and the "best young doctor in the world," as Gammie used to say. Did they not fully understand what this flower had done for them—what it had meant in their lives?

On returning from their honeymoon, they took a cozy flat not far from her old home, and one might see in the window almost any day, not only a bunch of sweet peas—for they kept them as long as the season lasted—but a golden-headed little boy with laughing blue eyes.

Tibby had a real home at last, and Sophy not only thanked God for all her blessings, but for her little turned-up nose, and her thick lips, for was she not on her way to have them treated when she first found Tibby, and what had Tibby not been the means of doing for her? Had he not helped her to find "the best doctor in all the world"—and the best husband, too?

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Comfort's League of Cousins

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Is always advisable to sit on your hat, then the waiter can't charge you a quarter for handing it to you. Once the waiter asked me what part of the chicken I would like, and I said the meat. Then he kept pressing me to have soup. I said: "Is it compulsory?" he said: "No, ox tail." He was a terrible time bringing the soup, but you know the ox tail is always behind. The trouble with these expensive chewing joints is that the customers always will walk off the silverware, knives, forks, napkin rings, etc., as souvenirs. The restaurant keeper has to charge a big price to make up for this loss. I was in a restaurant once where the customers had stripped all the tables, and carried away every movable article as a souvenir. There was one woman who had a big appetite and a harassed look. There was nothing left in the souvenir line for her to skidoo with. Later on I heard an awful racket and the restaurant proprietor was calling police. The harassed lady, was as usual, walking off with a bunch of souvenirs. Finding nothing in the silver line to appropriate, she had placed in her stocking (the usual receptacle for such things) a couple of marble-topped tables and four chairs, and she was getting away with them all right when the proprietor butted in and spoiled her game. It's just wonderful what these souvenir hunters can get away with. I'll tell you what to do Harry if you want cheap eats. You get married and come home every morning at three G. M. (G. M. means good morning), and your wife will always give you a roast.

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the year For Santa Claus will
Come and Fill the stockings of
All the good girls and Boys.
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Christmas Bells a Ringing.
Ringing in the Deep Santa
Claus will soon Be Here and
Then what a Jolly time.

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effusion, a few months earlier, then we could
have put it in our Christmas issue. It would
greatly helped to have given a real Sandy Claws

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rhyme rhythm and meter, things verse writers
have to know about and understand, but things
the "pots" who write "pottery" never seem to
know anything about at all. Your second verse,
John is swell elegant. If Shakespeare doesn't
get out of his grave and hand you a medal for
that second verse, I'll eat the middle end of Billie
the Goat's tail. I won't attempt to dissect it,
John, it would be almost sacrilege and an act of
brazen impudence to make any comments on that
polished and perfect stanza, and as your second
chorus is but a repetition of your first that too,
needs no further comment. John, I will now
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girl has wrote (how she loved uncle charls of Billie
Goat and wished he would come to see her) It looks
to me he must think the world who reads your paper
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that been put in the COMFORT were just grand, and
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while the other they add were disgraceful and
sound vulgar of girls far away writing to a unseen
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Useful Hints Showing Where Time and Material are Economized in every part of the Home.

"Never spend your money before you get it."
"Never buy what you do not want because it is cheap."

Old hot water bottles make the best of mats where moisture is liable to injure a table.

Sponge black dress materials that have become shiny in black coffee.

It will prolong the life of your brooms to plunge them into your hot boiling suds occasionally.

Pretty white ties for morning wear can be made from old apron strings if they are of fine material.

When using a good many pins wear a small pincushion on the left wrist and much time will be saved.

To readily clean bottles, put in a few crushed egg-shells and half fill with water. Shake hard and rinse.

Put all the fine handkerchiefs and neckwear in a cheese-cloth bag to dry. It will save time and material.

It will save the eyesight to use a magnifying glass when counting stitches as one does in crocheting, etc.

Patent leather shoes will wear longer if after each wearing they are rubbed with a soft cloth dampened with olive oil.

Much lifting may be avoided on wash day by attaching a piece of garden hose to the faucet and thus filling the tubs.

Where one has only a gas stove in the kitchen it is good economy to bake the potatoes on the rim just inside the furnace door.

When your bureau drawers stick, apply a little hard soap and they will run easily. The same treatment will ease a door or window.

Where kindling is scarce and expensive use the waste fat from the kitchen, by smearing it over the wood. It makes a hot, quick fire.

If the knob of your tea-kettle cover comes off, a very good substitute is a cork stopper held in place by a screw-eye coming through from underneath.

Save yourself work by keeping a whisk broom hung on the back porch where the boys and others may brush themselves before entering the house.

Instead of taking your clock to a jeweler because it refuses to "go," first try keeping a cloth inside saturated with kerosene oil until it has evaporated.

A mixture made of equal parts of sweet oil and black ink will greatly improve the appearance of black kid gloves that have become worn and white looking.

Take the best parts of worn-out table linens and make into napkins. Of course they are not worth much labor, and the quickest way is to fringe and overcast them.

Use old stocking legs for mop cloths. After using the mop remove them, wash and dry and replace. This treatment will not "rust out" your mop rod, and too it's cleaner.

In making up embroidered sofa pillows, introduce a thick sheet of wadding under the cover. Both the appearance and the "feel" of the cushion are improved by this treatment.

"Sticking" of lamp chimneys is often due to their being too wide. Try removing the wick and pulling out a thread next to the selvage, as one too many threads will make the difference.

Don't throw away the sweet-pickle syrup, but reheat and pour over steamed apples, making it do double service. Another use is to reheat and pour over store pickles, letting them stand a few days.

Broken china, glass or pottery used for decorative purposes may be mended with a paste made from white of egg and flour. Dust the broken edges, apply the paste and tie together until hardened.

Take blankets that have become worn and disfigured and thoroughly wash and dry. Tack well together and make into comforters by covering with calico or sateen. They make the best kind of comforters.

From garments that have been laid aside, cut off the strip containing the buttonholes, leaving enough material to turn under. Use this strip as a "fly" to sew to new garments, thereby saving both time and labor.

When your Dover egg-beater begins to "skip," don't throw it away, but twist soft twine tightly around under the head of the screw in the center of the wheel, until it will run smoothly. When it wears out tie in new.

Use thin wooden plates such as are found at the grocers' or bakers' to put dry food on in the closet. A piece of oiled paper will make them do service long time. Here is where much of the nicking and breaking is done.

When cleaning finish it is only by using great care that the wall paper does not become wet. This is prevented by placing a good-sized piece of pasteboard on the wall, holding it with the flat of the left hand while you clean with the right.

Instead of darning stockings at the knee, cut a piece out of the stocking the length of the worn part. Cut this out with great care and when sewing the stocking together again, match the "ribs" of the weave and the seam can hardly be detected.

A table on which you wish to set flower pots can be made attractive and kept neat by putting a piece of plain window-glass over the table cover the size of the table. In this way an embroidered cover may be used and you only have to wipe off the glass.

Umbrellas with steel rods often come out at the handle. Replace it by filling the hole in the handle with powdered resin. Heat the end of rod very hot and put back into handle. Steel knives that have lost their handles may be treated in the same way.

In measuring for your stair carpet allow and turn under at either top or bottom enough for two extra stairs. This will enable you to change the worn places, letting the part that came on the edge go into the angle of the stair where it will not show.

In hemming napkins by hand, a small, even hem may be obtained by running the edge of the napkin through the smallest sized hemmer of the machine without being threaded. This creases perfectly and will make needle marks by which you do your hemming.

Glue a thin piece of cork cut from a stopper at the center of the lower part of your picture frames just so it will hold them a little away from the wall. This will keep the dust from forming a dark streak which often prevents the changing of a picture.

To mend frayed table linen, securely and evenly baste a piece of thin muslin at the back, put into embroidery hoop and darn. When making new tablecloths it is well to save the threads pulled out when evenning the edges for this purpose as well as darning linen towels.

Before lamp chimneys have been used, place a cloth in the bottom of a large pan, fill with cold water and place the chimneys in it. Cover and boil an hour, letting chimneys remain in water until cold. This "toughens" the glass and your chimneys will last for years.

It is often inconvenient to stop and tack in dress shields. This can be avoided by sewing a very narrow tape to each end of the shield, and another at each corresponding place in the arm-

Pretty Christmas or other gift boxes are made by cutting pieces of cardboard into any required size, and covering the outside with fancy wall paper and the inside with plain white. Make eyelets at the corners with a stiletto and lace with baby ribbon. Put on the cover in the same way and ornament the top with a ribbon rosette to match lacings.

Four smooth, even patches of solder on the bottom of your dish-pan will prolong its life many times. Place one at the center, and the other three at even intervals near the edge. It's the friction on the bottom of the sink that wears out the dish-pan, and if these patches of solder are used the bottom will always remain bright and always be clean.

Instead of putting away remnants of food in the dish from which they were served, or into another clean bowl, make them ready to warm over for the next meal. For instance, a few baked beans or a little stew may be put into the small granite basin in which it is to be warmed. These little basins can be bought for five cents apiece and the good housekeeper cannot have too many of them.

"Mother's" glue pot has saved many a dollar besides many times adding to the family comfort. Put into a large coffee cup a tablespoonful of fish glue and half fill with water. Simmer on the back of the range. When it is the consistency of heavy cream it may be used for gluing wood or leather. For mending toys, dolls, books or any of the numerous things about the house that become "started," thin with a little water.

Make use of every scrap of toilet soap. Cover the small pieces with cold water, let come to a boil and when dissolved stir in enough ground oatmeal to make a stiff batter. Pour into a pan and when nearly cold cut into squares. This soap will soften and whiten the hands. A good soft or liquid soap for the hands is made by covering a pint of bits of toilet soap with boiling water, adding three tablespoonsfuls each of lemon juice and glycerine and one of borax.

If you would save yourself many steps besides the personal satisfaction of doing things with ease, have one or more medium-sized aprons made double at the bottom and stitched lengthwise into pockets to wear on sweeping days. Instead of laying down your brush, duster, or any small article you may be using tuck them into your pocket, you will find it a great "saver" to have them within reach. You will also use one for the stray button, children's playthings, etc., that will be found laying around.

A left-over piece of linoleum makes an attractive waste-paper basket. Thirty-six inches by sixteen is a good proportion. If you have a small piece, use it just the same. With anawl make holes three quarters of an inch apart and about half an inch from the edge on all four sides. With a leather lacing, lace the two ends together, and go around the top and bottom edges with an

overcasting stitch. For the bottom cut a round piece of wood that will exactly fit and tack to place with brass-headed tacks from the outside.

A young friend of mine who lives in close quarters and needed a food cabinet of some kind made one from an old machine table. These can be bought at a small cost from any machine dealer. A board was fitted into the place where the head originally set and the top covered with white enamel cloth. In the drawers were kept knives, forks and spoons, tea, coffee, sugar and other necessaries. Screw-hooks were fastened into the under side of the table where coffee and tea pot, frying pans, etc., were hung. A silkoline curtain put onto a brass rod hung around the cabinet.

A kitchen clothes-horse that you can make yourself will help out many a housekeeper. Take six broom handles, scrape and sandpaper down to the wood. Into each end put a strong screw-eye and into each of these a cord strong enough to hold up a bar of clothes. You now tie the six bars together, leaving a full foot or more between each bar. Into the ceiling put two hooks as far apart as your bars are long, and strong enough to support your six bars of clothes. In to each screw-eye of the top bar put a loop of the cord long enough to slip into the hooks in the ceiling and hang down to where you can reach it. When not in use, take down and put in a place free from dust.

Cleaning and Renovating That a Woman Can Do

Olive oil and salt will remove white spots from furniture.

Fresh grease spots on the floor are removed by putting on dry soda, let stand a few minutes, pour over boiling water, let stand fifteen minutes longer and wash up.

Equal parts of linseed oil, turpentine, vinegar and spirits of wine make a first-class furniture polish. Shake well and apply with cheese-cloth or old pieces of cotton cloth that will not lint.

If ink or shoe polish gets spilled on the carpet with blotting paper take up all you can and then cover with sweet milk. Wipe up milk and pour over more, repeating until the carpet is clean.

If grease gets spilled on the carpet, lay over blotting paper and on this set a hot iron. Repeat until all the oil is drawn out. Now cover with tailor's chalk or whitening and let stand several days and brush off.

A handsome mission stain is obtained by mixing together boiled linseed oil and asphaltum in equal parts. Apply with brush, let stand two minutes and rub down. A polish may be given by using wax or varnish.

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Sweet and Mellow Toned SCHMOLLER & MUELLER PIANO Read and Secure Our 1911 Proposition

You've waited, perhaps, for our 1911 Proposition to piano buyers. Here it is:

Yes, here is a proposition, friend, that is destined to crowd the battle all along the line still harder, as we have waged this fight in the past, against dealers' agents' and middlemen's methods and high prices.

The fight has been waged in the interest of every music-lover, man or woman, who objected to paying dealers' or agents' profits, selling expenses and the like, which in no possible way could add to the quality of a piano sold through middlemen.

This fight, friend, has been waged in your behalf and in the behalf of your neighbors, your friends, your acquaintances, whom we have been awakening to the justice of our Direct-to-the-Purchaser Plan of selling the Sweet Toned Schmoller & Mueller Piano, as compared with the unjust methods used by middlemen.

During the last year, especially, was the contest waged to a bitter end.

Thousands of Schmoller & Mueller Pianos were sold in communities where they had not up to that time been known.

The result is additional thousands of pleased customers, proud possessors now of the piano—the Sweet and Mellow Toned Schmoller & Mueller—which is sold direct to the purchaser.

This piano, which under our Factory-to-the-Purchaser Plan is sold at a saving of from \$100 to \$150, and oftentimes more, as compared with the price you would be obliged to pay to the agent or dealer for a piano of such quality, which might give anywhere near as great satisfaction as the Schmoller & Mueller Piano is guaranteed to give.

Dealers, agents, middlemen, have been on the retreat. Business here and there in this community and that has been hard to secure during the year past.

Our Direct-to-the-Purchaser Plan has been too hard for them; they could not keep music-lovers from buying direct when they knew that money was to be saved, quality secured, and that lasting satisfaction was to be the result.

Dealers and agents failed, although they often used dastardly efforts to stem the tide of buyers who purchased in constantly increasing numbers Schmoller & Mueller Pianos as the year 1910 fast waned.

Now, then, our 1911 Proposition to piano buyers is intended to carry forward to nearer completion this fight in your behalf, and in the behalf of every music-lover who wants to save money and be assured that a quality piano will be secured.

Final victory for you and for every music-lover will be brought one step nearer under our 1911 Proposition. This 1911 Proposition is to be known as our

Resident Factory Representative Offer

An offer, friend and prospective piano buyer which will answer now and for all time in its fairness all the arguments that each and every dealer or agent might give us as to why you should buy from them instead of buying direct.

Under this offer, which can only be roughly hinted at in this announcement, each purchaser, in buying a Schmoller & Mueller Piano, now finds it very much worth his or her while to assist this Company, this established concern entering now its 32d year of business history, in winning the purchasers' battle of buying direct instead of the dealers' battle of buying through middlemen.

This is an offer that brings to each man or woman accepting the conditions attached thereto a Schmoller & Mueller Piano, which we guarantee for 25 Years at a Close Price.

On Convenient Payment Terms, when

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Brings to the homes of each purchaser a piano, in the Schmoller & Mueller Piano, which has demonstrated its superior quality in the homes of thousands of music-lovers the country over.

The Resident Factory Representative Offer gives to each purchaser certain advantages that a purchaser who is not a Resident Representative of this Company may not secure.

These advantages make the purchase of a Schmoller & Mueller Piano the easiest and most convenient of purchases, making of this piano purchase an investment made under ideal conditions which cannot result in hardship to any man or woman.

In other words, no matter how humble may be the surroundings of any man or woman, our Resident Factory Representative Offer is one that they may easily accept.

Interested certainly you must be; then want you before you turn this page to hasten to us the coupon, and to become right now thoroughly posted on this offer, which will carry forward to ultimate victory our fight against dealers' and agents' methods of selling pianos.

Think, if you will, of the piano we offer under this direct-to-the-purchaser-plan, the Sweet Toned Schmoller & Mueller.

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Comfort Sisters' Corner

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you could organize one. If anyone will enclose stamp I will send literature telling how to begin.

It gives me great pleasure to know that the editors of this dear paper are so outspoken against evil of every kind.

I live in a small town, but it is saloonless and temperance.

We have one beautiful little boy in our home. My heart goes out in tender sympathy to those mothers who have lost the "flowers of their hearts," but God knows best. They are safe within His keeping.

Best wishes to all for 1911.

Mrs. DAISY HUGHES PHIPPS, Atlanta, Texas.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:

I wrote a letter to COMFORT a while ago and said if anyone wished to know more about northern Arizona and would write to me I would surely answer. But won't you let me answer all those hundred letters through your columns and take the stamps and turn them over to Uncle Charlie for his invalids' wheelchair fund? We have sold our place and are so torn up I have no time to answer them separately.

We have a great deal of timber here; pine, cedar, cotton wood, etc., fine water and lots of it. The Verde valley (which means green) is not large but all good land. Land sells from ten dollars to three hundred dollars per acre, owing to the state of cultivation. Cattle sell for about sixteen dollars to twenty dollars per head. Vegetables all the year if you try to have them. All irrigation, but dry farming is being tried. Results not certain. Stock farming pays. Good market for produce, but have to climb mountain roads to get to market. Fine climate; recommended for all pulmonary trouble. Living rather high, I think about like all the extreme West. Crops never fail, and fruit fine. Better come with enough money to live on one year; one hundred and fifty dollars or two hundred dollars. Fine schools and church privileges and as good people as can be found only you can't expect them not to drive a good bargain so long as the competitive system obtains.

Mrs. MARY J. JACK, Cornville, Arizona.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I have been a silent reader of your dear COMFORT letters, for a long time. I read them over and over again; they are all so friendly and helpful.

Does any sister know of a home remedy for salt-rheum? My hands are almost covered with it and the itching is terrible at times. I'd be very thankful indeed. I am twenty-five years of age, married and have a dear little girl that is the sunshine of our home.

We are looking for a nice little farm of about twenty acres located about one quarter to one half a mile from town in the southern parts of Wisconsin or Minnesota. We would like to have a home of our own again, as we have sold our town home, intending to go on a little farm. Farm life is beautiful I think. I have a very kind husband so I feel quite contented.

I am interested in quilt and lace work. I shall be pleased to hear from the sisters.

May God bless you all.

Mrs. JOSEPH WOLF, Park Falls, Box 172, Wis.

MY DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

Since my letter appeared in this corner, over a year ago I have been flooded with letters and post-cards and though I have tried to answer all I fear that some of you may have been overlooked and I take this means of reaching you and thanking you for your kind remembrance on the 21st of July, 1909.

Last March we came here and bought land. We had always been renters, but got tired of renting and working for the "others fellow," so decided we would get a home of our own. We came here where land is cheap and are very much pleased with this locality, and can say that it is just the place for a poor man to get a start on a farm of his own.

Wild land sells for seven and one half dollars an acre on the very easy terms of one dollar an acre down, and one dollar an acre a year until paid for, which gives one a splendid chance to get home. We have a fine market for everything. All kinds of crops do well here, plenty of fuel and water, the latter being all soft and as clear as a crystal. Settlers are coming here quite fast and I do think when this valley gets settled up it will be an ideal place to live in.

Don't you all think COMFORT the very best little paper printed and isn't it rightly named COMFORT? It is like a ray of sunshine entering the home, it is such a great comfort as well as a pleasure to read the sisters' and Uncle Charlie's letters. Dear Uncle Charlie, if we could all be more like him what a different world this would be. It is our duty to help one another. If we have been honored in any way and another asks knowledge we should give them the help we have received, not grudgingly, but freely. How dear our lives are like an open book, each day like a page, revealing to those around us whether it is beautiful or hideous, divine or trivial. These babies are those who try to follow the paths of the just, which leads to the heavenly glory.

My daughter is married and two oldest sons are married men, so all I have left to cheer and comfort me is my baby boy Eugene, aged eight. He is a great comfort to me and always thinks of mamma. He has his little chores to do and goes with them whistling and singing with never a complaint. I believe in giving each child some little work to do as it keeps them from becoming selfish and teaches them to help mamma and papa. If it wasn't for him I would be very lonesome indeed living among strangers as I now do in our new home. Let us when a stranger moves into our midst give them plenty of time to make their home comfortable then go and spend the afternoon with them and if you can't speak kindly of all your neighbors do not speak of them at all. I have learned to be a very close observer of strangers and when they come and tell you disagreeable things of someone else—look out.

We should welcome newcomers and try to help them get the good will of all and not try to make a poor impression on this one or that one. "Always do to others as you would have them do to you," is my motto. Now for a few hints.

To relieve toothache, take a piece of newspaper and burn it on a plate, when it is all burned there will be a brownish oil-like substance on the plate. Take a whiff of cotton, rub it in that and put it in the cavity of the tooth. It will relieve almost instantly.

I will close by asking all those who can to please send me pieces for patchwork, to help pass away the long evenings, which seem very lonely sometimes. The kindness will be greatly appreciated.

With best wishes to COMFORT and its happy band of workers, I remain,

Mrs. ELIAS A. COLLINS, Rock Creek, Pine Co., Box 75, Minn.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

I have long been a silent reader of COMFORT and think it a grand paper.

I am twenty-eight years old, and was married eight years Christmas. We have two healthy little children, a girl of five, and a baby boy of fourteen months. They are the pride of our home. Their papa works nights, and they are so much company to me.

Sisters, how many of you sent some words of cheer to Miss Floral Waldo? I did and my heart is full of sympathy for her in her sad affliction. I sympathize with all the shut-ins.

I want to send a yeast recipe, which I think is just fine. I have the best of luck with my bread.

I would like a shower March 14th.

With best wishes to all, I am COMFORT sister.

Mrs. W. E. HARVEY, 1931 Piggott Ave., B. St. Louis, Ill.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

It has been nearly three years since my last letter appeared in COMFORT and I have lived in several different places since then.

By my letter in COMFORT I have made some very good friends, which I am corresponding with regularly.

One lady who wrote to me from Binghamton, N. Y., I visited this summer, and found in her an ideal friend and associate. I expect a visit from her next summer.

COMFORT still holds a spot in my heart, for it has been in our home very nearly ever since its first publication, and is like a friend when it comes every month.

Salamanca is a thriving little city, on the Cataraqui Reservation. Any time of day you can see Indians on the street. Some are very pleasant and agreeable, all of course being civilized.

A camp, also sanatoriums are crowded with patients, going there to fight against that common disease that is taking so many of our Americans, consumption, or tuberculosis as it is now called, being fought in this place very strongly.

There are about a dozen places where the Red Cross stamps are sold, solely for the purpose of stamping out that dread disease. Each one sold helps to eradicate the plague.

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All Its Name Implies

THE latest candidate for public favor in the poultry world is a Blue Orpington. As the name implies, in color they resemble the Andalusians, being a pale blue-gray—the shading which you call Maltese in cats. They were the center of attraction at the Madison Square poultry show in New York City in December, and certainly deserve consideration, for they are extremely handsome birds. So far, the supply in this country is confined to one person, a lady who imported them from England, where, like all the other Orpingtons, they originated. It was a Mr. A. C. Gilbert who succeeded in creating the novelty, and he crossed and re-crossed Black, White and Spangled Orpingtons with diligent care for several years before he succeeded in getting this new variety, which will surely have a great run among fanciers in this country. For blue fowls are scarce, and this special variety retains all the good laying and table qualities of the White and Buff Orpingtons, which, as you probably know, have been taking the lead as general purpose fowls for the last four or five years.

It is about seventeen years ago since Mr. Cook first started to breed the new fowl. Plymouth Rock did not breed as true to type as they do now, and there were often one or more black chicks in a brood. Such birds were watched, and it was found that they matured about a month earlier, and laid from thirty to forty eggs more in a year than their barred sisters of the same brood. Mr. Cook, being a very shrewd and experienced breeder, took note of these facts, and decided to collect the black Plymouth Rocks, and breed them to black Minorca roosters. Minorcas were chosen because they are very good layers of larger sized eggs. In a mild climate, and during warm weather in any part of the world, but not rugged enough to withstand cold winters and still maintain their egg-laying qualities. By crossing the two breeds he hoped to get an improved egg-strain with the strength of the Rocks. Then, to get a better table bird, the pullets of that cross were mated to Black Langshans, which have been for years England's best winter layers and roosters. When these three birds were blended, the new fowl was ready for the table from one month to six weeks earlier than either of the separate breeds, and pullets laid from a month to six weeks earlier than any of the ancestral breeds. It was the above mingling and perpetual selecting and breeding which produced the Black Orpington. It has taken years of careful selection to do away entirely with the feathered legs of the Langshans, besides the special peculiarities of the other breeds not wanted in the Orpingtons. After seventeen years it can be truly said that they breed perfectly true to type and color.

The White Orpington was the second variety produced and came out two and one half years after the Blacks. Many experiments were made to find out the best methods of producing white fowls that were up to date. White Leghorn cocks were crossed with Black Hamburg hens, and the pullets from this cross came very white and with four toes on each foot. Next was used a single-comb White Dorking cock, mated with the offspring; some of the birds were blue, some barred like Cuckoo Dorkings. It was several years before white birds could be produced. Even now occasionally some will come with color on them. The White Dorking blood is seen sometimes when a five-toed bird is produced. By careful breeding the White Orpingtons were developed into a breed which produce quick-growing, vigorous birds, with good laying and table qualities.

The Rose-comb White Orpingtons were made by using a Rose-comb White Dorking cock instead of Single-comb. The blood in the Rose-comb and Single-comb White Orpingtons is exactly the same, and there is no difference in size and qualities. The White Orpingtons have neat combs, either single or Rose, white beak, red face and

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A Few Ideas from the Barn

How to Use Up Crates, Peach Baskets, Grape and Berry Baskets, etc.
Some Dainty Things That Can Be Made from Them

By Doris Richards

THE average country woman little realizes what a treasure trove the barn may be. On nearly every farm there is some hay-loft, some shed or outside building used for storage, and it is here she may find, if she will, many odds and ends that will prove an inspiration in making pretty, serviceable furnishings for the farmhouse.

Take the strawberry basket for instance. From these most effective scrap baskets may be made. Paint one with a coat of enamel paint, inside and out; cut a circle of oil cloth or heavy cardboard to fit the bottom, and if desired a ribbon may be run through the upper slats to tie on one side. Such a basket may be painted any desired tint; white, brown, or green, or any other soft color to harmonize with the furnishing of the room in which it is to be used. For the farmhouse where boarders are accommodated these scrap baskets will prove most valuable, as they may be used one season and thrown away. So many people are thoughtless about disposing of scraps, apple cores, peach stones, etc., on window sills or any convenient spot, that a handy basket of this type will suggest a better place in which to drop them.

Peach baskets may also be painted a dark tint, furnished with a hook on one side to fasten to an eyelet on the wall or on a door of the closet. These to be used for soiled linen. Painted baskets in the sewing-room beside the machine will also be useful for holding all the sewing scraps.

The large-sized berry crates, the old style kind, which held forty-eight quarts of berries, may be utilized in many ways. These are not used on the farm as much as formerly, but may yet be found stored away in some barns. Cover the front and sides of such a crate with a flounce of chintz or any pretty material. If the top cover is too light for good service it may be strengthened by nailing on one or two light boards. These may be padded with some clipped rags or with cotton, and a cover of chintz tacked over this also. This box may be used as a shirt-waist box, for shoes, for the baby's toys or for a general catch-all.

The usual size berry crates make extremely pretty little bookcases or china cupboards to hang upon the wall. Paint with a coat of white enameled paint. Use a light board, stronger than the usual slat division, for one shelf or for two shelves as you wish. These rest on little cleats tacked to the inner side. In the top of the crate (across its open front) fasten a little rod, such as is used for sash curtains, and hang a dainty silk or silken lace curtain from this over the books. Have the bottom hem come exactly to the edge of the crate. This bookcase may be screwed to the wall and will make a pretty addition to any simple bedroom.

For use as a china cupboard lay a thin board over the slat bottom of the berry crate with a cleat at the back. Insert a shelf and fasten screw-hooks into the under part of the slatted top, from which pretty blue china cups may hang. Stand plates against the back cleat and set any pretty dishes on the shelves. This cupboard may be furnished with the brass rod and curtain as was the bookcase, and the dishes will look very dainty when the curtains are drawn back.

The little grape baskets with handles, used just as they come from the barn, are indispensable in the average pantry. In them may be kept eggs, vegetables from the garden, the head of lettuce or the flowers not yet put in water; or they may be used to gather wild flowers and ferns from the woods, when roots and all are to be brought home for transplanting into the home garden. These baskets are also pretty in which to carry a picnic lunch. Line with frills of white crepe paper and cover the goodies with a Japanese napkin. For the simple summer lunch table such a basket will make a pretty centerpiece. It may be lined with crepe paper of any desired color—green is perhaps the prettiest cover. The handle has a strip of paper twisted about it. Over the handle twine some delicate vines in which pretty flowers may be twisted. Luscious grapes, peaches, apples, etc., will look most tempting in such a woodsy setting. The same kind of baskets make good work baskets. Paint the outside and the basket handle with a dark colored paint, line the inside with any desired material, cover an oval

inside and out, and a ribbon run in and out through the slats. Put in a padded bottom for pins, needles, etc. These small berry boxes are excellent also in which to start delicate seedlings. They may be buried box and all when it comes time to transplant them into the open border, thus avoiding any disturbance of the roots, and under the ground they soon rot away.

Painted a bright color berry baskets make unique gift boxes. They may be lined with crepe paper and hold the gift of fruit, cakes or homemade candy most daintily. Let a few flowers or a spray of holly peep over the edges of the box. Even a simple present of eggs from the barnyard, carried to some invalid friend will be more tempting if offered in such a basket, nestling in a bed of white paper frills.

The grape tills without handles may be used on pantry or closet shelves for holding a variety of articles, keeping a semblance of order where, otherwise, confusion might reign.

On the bedroom closet shelf a row of such boxes can hold odd pieces of dress material, bat trimmings, small folded papers when taken from parcels, and many small articles which might otherwise have to crowd bureau drawers.

In the pantry down-stairs they can hold twine, extra clothes pins, covers of fruit jars, folded paper bags, and if each one has its own vocation they will be found very handy indeed.

The tiny boxes used for raspberries make cunning little pin cushions for hat pins. Line with flannel, fill with bran or sand and cover the top with any pretty material, extending it over the edge where it may be pasted down with strong glue. When dry, wind a ribbon over the edge thus formed, and tie in a bow on one side. The outside of the basket should be painted a tint to harmonize with the room's draperies.

I have said nothing about the larger things to be found in many a barn—the discarded table, the old wagon wheel, the odd bits of lumber and parts of packing boxes, but I am sure any clever woman who uses her wits, a paint pot and some draping material will find some way in which they will fit into the house and be useful. It might seem at first thought as if there was no use for old wagon wheels, but I saw some utilized in a clever way once, in a farm-



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house. They were painted a pretty brown and were suspended from the rafters in the attic, where they served as novel clothes horses on which to hang burlap bags, garments not in use, pieces of canvas and covering of different kinds that might be wanted at a moment's notice. Wasn't that a clever scheme?

The discarded table may be painted newly, and if the top is too old it may be covered with oil cloth for a kitchen table or plant stand, or, covered with felt, might make a pretty card table.

Look about your barn, and perhaps you will find ideas there too. It is good as a visit to a furniture store with money in your pocketbook, perhaps better, for after a visit to the barn you may have homemade furnishings with a little expenditure of time and at slight expense, and the treasure in the pocketbook may be used for "another story."



CHINA CLOSET.

Poultry Farming for Women

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ing the variety. The perfected Buff Orpington has pinkish-white or flesh-colored legs; no black or white showing in wing or tail when the bird is at rest; bay eyes, bright-red face, comb, ear-lobes and wattles; clear legs; light flesh, and lays a brown-shelled egg of good size and shape.

The next in order of production by Mr. Cook

was the Diamond Jubilee Orpington. As far as

color is concerned, it is a revival of the old Speckled Dorking, one of the prettiest birds known. They were produced much in the same way as the Buff Orpingtons, only that a Speckled Dorking was used instead of a Colored Dorking.

The cocks have white legs, four toes on each foot, long breast, with a single comb; well-serrated, standing erect; red face; a white beak, occasionally showing a brown shade. The neck

hackle are reddish-brown, rich in color; the center of the feathers should be black, edged with brown, and just the fine tips at the ends are white. This is the coloring of a dark bird.

Many of the cocks have what is termed a light colored

breast, the body color being brown, and then

black mark across the center of the feathers down

near the end, while the extremity of the feather

is tipped with white flesh; the color has a

brown black-and-white-speckled appearance all

over the bird, the black showing a little less on

the buff over the thighs. Old hens get whiter

as they advance in age. The tail and the wings

are of the mixed brown broken color like that

of the cock, the wing flights showing a good

deal of white. The rose comb should be full

of work, but the colors are just the same. The

Diamond Jubilee were brought out in 1897, and

the colors are not yet fully fixed. They lay

tinted eggs of good size.

The Spangled Orpington was brought out in the

autumn of 1899. The plumage is different from

any of the other Orpingtons. They are consid-

erably the most remarkable layers of all the Eng-

lish flocks. They lay large numbers of tinted

eggs, of good size. They breed very true, and

present a fine, handsome appearance. In some in-

stances they weigh nine pounds at eight and

one half months old. In order to produce this

fowl Mr. Cook had in his mind a still better layer.

If possible, than any of the other varieties.

He completed his task within eight years. To

make the Spangled, a Dark Dorking cock was

mated with a Barred Plymouth Rock hen. This

first cross gave pullets of great size, but almost

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and white, and cockerels of drab or straw color,

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years of close selection before the black and

white required in the cockerels was produced.

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grow lighter as the bird grows older, dark-plum-

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Correspondence

J. R. R.—Please let me know as soon as possible where I can get a book on poultry diseases and cures. Can you tell me what is the matter with my hens? They seem to have limberneck, and act crazy; roll their heads in all directions—in fact, act drunk. Any information about sick chickens will be appreciated.

A.—There are several books published on poultry diseases. Reliable Poultry Remedies, published at Quincy, Illinois, price twenty-five cents, is a very useful little book. For limberneck, mix one teaspoonful of turpentine with the same quantity of sweet oil. Pour down the bird's throat, and half an hour later mix half a teaspoonful of powdered ginger in a cupful of warm milk, and add a little sugar, give one teaspoonful every hour.

E. S.—Can you tell me what will make my hens lay? I have about twenty-five hens, but do not get any eggs. I feed them corn about twice a day. They are of the Brown Leghorn stock. If you could give me any advice, it would be appreciated.

A.—Nothing but whole corn is poor food for hens that you expect to have lay eggs in the winter. They need animal and green food. Get some beef scraps or bone meal, and feed a mash made as follows: Equal parts of clover hay, ground corn and oats, bran, and beef or bone meal. Just moisten with hot water, and allow to stand until nearly cold. Give them a quart of the mixture every morning. At noon, chop up any table-scrap you may have. Scatter oats, cracked corn, or Kafir corn amongst the litter, on the poultry-house floor, so that the birds will have to scratch for it. (The floor of a poultry-house should have a carpet of cut hay or leaves from three to four inches deep.) See that they have plenty of oyster-shell, sharp grit, and clean water, always before them and at night feed whole corn. Hens must have the material to make eggs before they can lay them.

E. J.—Enclosed are some specks which I found between the flesh and skin of my chickens. Please tell me what is the matter and what can cure them.

A.—You'd better send a sample of the specks to the Agricultural Department at Washington. I am not in a position to undertake laboratory investigation, and in this case it is necessary before offering an opinion.

M. C.—Please tell me through COMFORT what ails my turkeys and chickens. When they first get sick they seem crazy and don't stand on their feet. Will they with their backs on the ground. Their necks seem puffy stiff, and necks swollen. Are unable to hold their heads up at any time. Can hardly swallow, and will peck at the food but cannot get it. When held by the feet and swing, a green watery stuff runs out of their mouths, and they seem to have no crave at all. I cut a turkey open: the heart was white-spotted, and there wasn't a thing in the crop but a white slime. Couldn't find any worms. I tried everything I could think of to save them, and could find no remedies in the papers that suited them. I buried them in the ground with them. They roost in a cold, damp barn, are fed plenty of different kinds of feed. (The chickens are the Black Leghorn.)

A.—I fear tuberculosis has got a start among your poultry. You did quite right to burn the hens that died. You cannot exact too much care as there is a great danger of infection, not only to the other fowls, but to all the other animals on the place. I can't encourage you to doctor the fowls, for it will be only a waste of time, there is so little chance of recovery, and their existence is a menace to every other living creature on the farm. Kill all suspicious-looking birds. Thoroughly clean and disinfect the poultry house.

W. I. W.—I wish to tell you about our chickens. I have been much interested in your page of COMFORT, and thought you could help us. Our chickens are troubled with worms in the intestines. Some are about two and a half inches long, and as twine string—pure white, and very lively. The chickens seem weak and lose appetite, but in fact, the gizzard and liver seem healthy. We feed a mixed feed of corn, wheat, whole oats, dried bread; all they will eat, with a mouthful of table-scrap and fresh bread and corn meal; plenty of fresh water and clean coops. It is very puzzling, please help us and oblige.

A.—Sanborn recommends the following for the round intestinal worms: Dissolve in the water to be used in mixing a mash, two grains of santonine for each bird. Mix the mash quite dry, and add half a teaspoonful of Castor oil for

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number of remarkably becoming new ones she has worn this season, was of a pink satin foundation and was draped with black chiffon embroidered in silver. She carried a cluster of orchids.

Miss Helen Taft, the White House belle, was much admired in a dainty gown of blue satin veiled in chiffon, while the ladies of the Diplomatic corps were unusually magnificently gowned and jeweled.

The State dining-room was put to a thorough test of its hospitality as there were over a thousand people present at the reception. The table reached from end to end, and from it a score of busy waiters served dainty and substantial refreshments and a mild fruit punch. Throughout the entire evening the Marine Band played with its characteristic brilliance and finesse. A pleasing feature of the music at this reception is the rendering of the national air of each country represented. When the last presentation had been made, the band takes its stand in the East Room and starts up the dance music, much to the delight of the young people. On this particular occasion the President demonstrated his accomplishments in dancing, but was outdone by Speaker Cannon, who proved himself to be seventy odd years young. The dancing continued until midnight and not until the last guest had departed to the cloakroom to be wrapped and bundled by the attendants waiting there, did the President and Mrs. Taft go upstairs.

This administration has revived the custom of serving refreshments at the State Receptions which used to form such a delightful part of the program at the old levees or drawing-rooms, but which for a number of years had been discontinued.

History tells very little of this feature of the entertaining in the early days, save to dwell on the details of a few conspicuous events.

The famous "Cheese Reception" held on Washington's birthday 1837 started out with the best intentions on the part of President Jackson to give the general public a chance to assemble at the White House and pay their respects to him and also to view and sample the mammoth cheese.

This cheese was the gift of some of his admirers in New York State and was a curiosity because of its size. It was about five feet high, six feet in diameter and weighed about three quarters of a ton. It was kept for a while just as a curiosity until the President conceived the plan of letting the public have a taste of it. Accord-

ingly he gave out a general invitation for everyone to come and to bring a knife to cut his piece of cheese. The public stood not upon the order of their going, and for hours, in fact as long as there was anything left to cut, the place was filled with a seething, scrambling, mob composed of men, women and children, white and black, who cut and slashed at the cheese, eating and carrying away great hunks, until the whole had vanished, save the portion which had been trodden and beaten into the carpet which was slippery with cheese and completely ruined. This was the last function of President Jackson's term and was even worse than the scene of destruction which the populace created at the levee following his arrival at the White House after taking the oath of office on his Inauguration day. Then the mob ruined the furniture, carpets and hangings, broke the windows and killed all the shrubbery, in the mad pell-mell rush for the punch which was served in tubs on the lawn.

Such a furore would be impossible in this day because the Executive Mansion is too well supplied with guards and police and the crowds are compelled to keep in order.

One of the New Year Receptions during John



ARMY AND NAVY CALLING AT THE WHITE HOUSE, NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Quincy Adams' time had resolved itself into such an unmanageable crush that General Scott had his pocket picked of eight hundred dollars.

The other three State receptions are in most respects so similar to the Diplomatic reception just passed that a description of one answers for all. Perhaps from the nature of their calling, the Judiciary of the country should be more solemn and sedate but even the severe majesty of the law unbends before the genial good nature of former Judge Taft.

The state dinners, like the receptions, are very much alike. The Diplomatic is essentially the most formal, the law of precedence being strictly observed. It has also been classed as the most brilliant but that is a debatable question. There are usually about ninety guests and the most historic and beautiful table ornaments and the rarest orchids grown in the White House conservatories are brought forth to give beauty to the crescent shaped table. At the dinner this season there were present representatives of thirty-eight powers, some of whom have been present at similar functions under other administrations. The Austro-Hungarian ambassador who sat at Mrs. Taft's right has dined at the White House with four Presidents, beginning with President Cleveland. Others were guests for the first time.

In all entertainments whether formal or otherwise, Mrs. Taft's taste and skill are apparent.

She exercises a personal supervision over the entire place and while, of course, she is never under the necessity of going into the kitchen, yet she is thoroughly familiar with all of the domestic machinery.

The arrangement and selection of all flowers, menus, and color scheme of all decorations are according to her wishes and she also looks over the lists of guests to be invited for each affair. She has the help of a large and capable corps of assistants, including her new social secretary, Miss Letterman, and the eight handsome, refined young officers from the army and navy, who are potent factors in the entertaining and, contrary to the first impression, have many serious duties besides merely adding to the scheme of decoration.

Mrs. Taft's social career in the Philippines, at Washington previously as the wife of a cabinet officer, and in her home in Cincinnati have all helped to provide her with the equipment of a successful leader. She has a magnetic personality, and in the matter of mental attainment she is rated by some critics to be the best fitted woman of any, who ever graced the position she now holds. Besides being a musician of unusual talent she is a widely read woman and a linguist. Her tastes as a hostess are most delicate and liberal and so far her regime has borne out all that was predicted of it when she first entered the White House. In the matter of dress, her taste is considered unimpeachable. She seems to have a preference for blues for street wear and pinks for evenings though she by no means confines her selections to these shades.

There is no iron-clad rule covering the problem of dress at public functions but all who receive the compliment of an invitation, to any one of these, are supposed to manifest enough patriotic

pride in the office of the Chief Magistrate to at least acquit themselves with credit both as to appearance and manners. While the regulation dress clothes for men and decollete for women may not be within the reach of the modest purse, yet it behoves all who assemble, at the bidding of the President, to put forth the best effort to comply with the customs of the times and in most cases this is done.

As a rule the gowns are beautiful, many of them magnificent, and costly and the same may be said of the display of jewels.

This freedom in the matter of dress did not always prevail, for in Mrs. Monroe's time all who failed to appear in the correct small clothes and silk stockings were refused admittance. So great a stickler was she, for formality, that some of her own relatives were excluded upon these grounds. It mattered not that the unfortunate gentlemen had made a long journey to be present and that their baggage failed to arrive in time. They simply were not allowed to present themselves within the sacred portals as traveling tourists.

While the great majority now manage to conform to the latest, up-to-date modes, there are always some few, in every gathering of people who are conspicuous exceptions in the matter of dress, and here at the President's Receptions this is also true.

One never fails to find the sentimental and economical matron in her wedding finery. It is often somewhat yellowed, wrinkled and redolent of moth preventive and years and years behind the present style, but to her mind it is the one gown par excellence, and she sees none of its many deficiencies. That particular dress figured in the greatest dress parade of her life, and in her opinion, is quite good enough for any occasion that may arise thereafter. As the years pass and madam gains in breadth and weight, new gores may be added to the skirt and side extensions to the bodice, but the original train hangs undisturbed to the end of the chapter.

Among the throng, at one of the late receptions, there was a dear, sweet-faced old lady, who created a mild, well-bred stir of excitement by her very unusual appearance. All unconscious of the attention she attracted, she gently and eagerly edged her way along on the arm of a venerable distinguished looking man who seemed as indifferent to comment as his wife. Her snowy hair was gaily bedecked with a wreath and the gown she wore reminded one of a fashion plate of the Civil War period of styles. It had billowy flounces and was cut round and low at the shoulders and gave forth the fragrance of lavender. During their progress toward the Blue Room they met an acquaintance and from the conversation overheard, it developed that the old lady had not visited the White House since she, as a bride, had attended a function given during the Lincoln Administration, and that just a few days before the untimely end of the first martyred President. The quaint, creamy, stiff old satin with its many flounces and rare old lace was the wedding dress and had been worn on both visits. The same old lady made the most perfect courtesy when she was presented to the President and murmured "Your Excellency" with a grace and charm that surpassed any effort of the debutantes of the present day, athletics and physical culture and stayless gowns, to the contrary notwithstanding. Wreath, dress and manner all revived memories of ante bellum days of stately gallantry and old world elegance.

Another costume, also worn by an elderly lady, was so pretentious, and at the same time of so distinctive a type, as to make the wearer the observed of all observers. It also resembled an old portrait. Inquiry divulged the fact that the dress had been constructed many years ago and worn on the event of the presentation of the owner at the court of Queen Victoria. As a dress it was surely a marvel, viewed from a present day standpoint of style. It was brocaded satin in white and several shades of lilac and heliotrope in pansy design, outlined in threads of silver. The enormous court train was truly regal, being of purple velvet edged with ermine and the low corsage, and high Queen Elizabeth collar at the back completed a most striking outfit which was emphasized by the wonderful head-dress. The lovely white hair was piled high upon the head in a bewildering succession of waves, puffs and little curls and was topped off with a high and waving mass of white plumes. The wearer of all of this magnificence turned out to be an American magazine writer, instead of a scion of royalty, who had resided in England more than a quarter of a century.

Washington gossips claim that the new Congressman's wife, in her first season is easily spotted, particularly if she comes from the rural districts. They declare that she always prepares for her introduction into society in the most economical manner, that is, by getting a dress pattern and a half of black satin and having the home dressmaker make her a gown with two bodices. One is made with low neck and short sleeves, no matter how much nature may protest, and is designed for evening wear, while the other is constructed on dressy lines with a view to general utility so that it may answer for calls, weddings, funerals and even teas and

shopping. So wherever Mrs. New Congressman goes she is known by her black satin dress and wedding jewelry, only in the first season however, for she learns, and learns quickly, the ways of the new world into which she has plunged and soon joins the ranks of those who so short a time before were deriving endless amusement over her country clothes and her worried importance and helplessness in the face of the many intricate social problems which daily arose to confront her.

Mrs. Taft follows no rule in the matter of the invitations she accepts, differing in this respect from many other predecessors who confined themselves almost exclusively to Cabinet dinners which each member of the Cabinet gives to the President. Many of the former mistresses of the White House declined to make calls, but Mrs. Taft simply follows her own choice in the matter.

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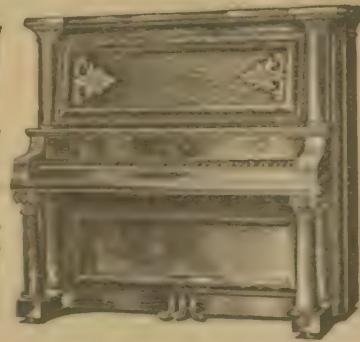
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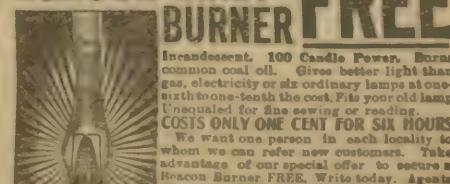
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Strongly scented flowers always give excellent results, so for this reason it is best to use roses, violets, tuberoses, lavender and spicy smelling carnations. Should you be flower-less, you can even make use of the modest sweet clover blossom. It is free to all and works in nicely for sachets.

Now let me tell you my way for making delicious toilet water. Go out into your garden and pick some early roses, as at this season of the year they are blooming profusely in the warmer sections of this country. (Of course the Eastern or Northern woman will have to postpone her flower-gathering for another month). When you have gathered an armful of roses, pick off the petals delicately, trying not to bruise them, and lay them on a tray to dry. This will take at least twenty-four hours and if the sun's rays are not very warm it will probably take two or three days. When the petals are dried to your satisfaction, pour them into a peck measure until it is full to overflowing. Throw this peckful of withered blossoms into a stone jar and pour over them one quart of spirits of cologne. Let this fragrant mixture stand for twelve hours, then pour off the liquid. Add to it as much attar of rose as you can afford. If your pocketbook is slim, two drops of the attar will be sufficient. Add also half a grain of musk and let stand for seven or eight days. At the end of this time, pour into a gallon jug, fill up with spirits of cologne and let stand for two weeks. You will then be the possessor of a perfectly exquisite toilet water, which it will be a pleasure to use. If you do not want to make up such a large quantity of the toilet water, halve or quarter the formula.

Do you want to have your house filled with sweet odors? You do? Then make yourself a clover jar. Invest in a gigantic jar, the bigger the better. It can be a heavy white glazed crock or it can be of delicately decorated china, but it must be big. Fill this three quarters full with sweet clover tops. These tops must be well dried before they can be used. When the sweet clover tops are in the jar, sprinkle them with an ounce of rose geranium. Open this jar for half an hour each day in the different rooms, stirring it up with a spoon. In the twinkling of an eye your house will smell as sweet as a rose.

Wet shampoos are a great nuisance as all women are willing to admit, so why not cleanse your hair with a powder as the Japanese women do? They take lavender buds, mint leaves and dried carnation buds and hammer them with a wooden mallet until they are finely powdered. These quaint little creatures then take equal quantities of fine cornmeal and the crushed flowers and herbs and mix them together. The result is a delightfully pungent powder which is sprinkled over the hair and allowed to remain on for ten minutes and then brushed out. Try this way of cleansing your pretty tresses and see if you don't like it.

A delightful sachet can be made by powdering together lavender buds and sweet clover. Mix with an equal quantity of orris root and you have a sachet which costs you only a few cents.

Now I want to tell just how to make a scent which is used in far-off Russia to bring back the roses to the cheeks of weary society belles. This sounds interesting, does it not? We are all apt to lose our roses when worn out with household duties and it is pleasant to have some harmless lotion that will tint the pale cheeks with carmine. This magic scent is not hard to make and won't be much of a strain on your pocketbook. Put a pint of spirits of cologne into a jug. Into this add six drops of attar of rose and two grains of musk. In six weeks the perfume will be ready to use. With the palm filled with the magic liquid, spat the cheeks gently for ten minutes, then look in the glass and see what you will see!

Headaches come to all and should be dealt with severely. Next time you are troubled in this way take a sniff of headache scent which should be contained in a tiny vial. Such a scent can be made by anyone and is a great convenience.

Headache Scent.

Pour strong violet water over tiny squares of ammonia, then drain off the superfluous liquid.

Keep vial tightly corked. This is a precaution you should observe with all perfumes, to violet waters, etc. Do not let them waste their sweetness upon the desert air.

On the toilet table of every woman from Maine to California should be a bottle of cologne. I love cologne, don't you? I guess every woman does. Now I am going to let you into a secret. I intend giving you

the formula from which I make my own cologne. I hope you will like it as well as I do.

Home-made Cologne

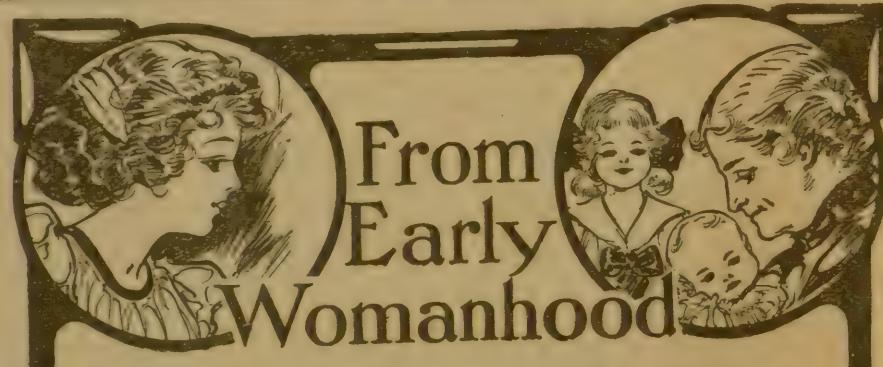
Extract of cassia, one and one quarter pints; extract of orange flowers, one and one quarter pints; extract of rose, two and one half pints; tincture of vanilla, ten ounces; oil of cloves, thirty-seven and one half grains.

Mix well together and pour into several pretty bottles with screw tops. Seal them securely and set away for two weeks. Use this cologne sparingly.

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Questions Answered

Rosy Cheeks, Anxieties, Miss Dora, Mamma's Pet, Elsie, Schoolmarm and others.—As your hair is so oily you should wash it every ten days with the following shampoo:

Cream Shampoo

Shredded fine white soap, one half ounce; rosewater, one ounce; solution of ammonia, one ounce; alcohol or bay rum, one half ounce, rainwater, eight ounces.

Mix. Dissolve the soap in the heated rainwater. When nearly cool, add the ammonia, rosewater and the alcohol, stirring constantly.

A girl of fourteen should wear her hair hanging down her back in one braid, or she can turn the braid up and make a club at the nape of the neck. In either case, pin a large black bow on the hair. Walk two hours a day and you will find yourself losing weight.

Mrs. Lover of COMFORT.—Your letter was not received in time to get in the January issue of COMFORT. I am sorry. To reduce your large stomach, I would suggest wrapping around it a broad band of thin rubber. Fasten ends securely and then, for one hour, alternately drink hot water and practice the following exercise.

Exercise to Reduce Large Stomach

Stand with arms outstretched above your head, then bend from the waist until your finger tips touch the ground. Do not bend knees.

Troubled Girl, Old Maid, Worried Ann, Mrs. X. B. C., Texas Woman, Waiting and others.—To rid yourself of the ugly wrinkles leading from the nose to the mouth, massage them daily for five minutes.

Cover lines thickly with skin food, then place the first and second finger of either hand under the center of the lower lip. Move fingers outward around the corners of the mouth up to the nose. Another thing you can do to banish these ugly lines, is to rub cheeks full of air, then gently pinch your way along the crease from the mouth up to the nose. To plump the cheeks, coat them thickly with cow's cream once a day and let cream stay on for two hours. Apply following lotion to your red nose night and morning.

Lotion for Red Nose

Tannic acid, twenty grains; glycerine, one ounce.

Blackheads are a great beauty defect but are not difficult to cure. Every night scrub nose diligently with a nail brush dripping with hot sudsy water. After the nose bath is over, rub in quite a good deal of boracic powder. Once a week make the soap jelly referred to so frequently in this department, and spread it over the nose. After fifteen minutes, wash the jelly off and massage in a little cream. Keep up this treatment for a while and the blackheads will disappear.

Cathleen, Doris, Jennie, Youngster, Mrs. A. Ed.'s Wife, Earnest Maid and others.—You are a little too heavy. You should weigh about one hundred and fifty-five pounds. Your measurements are fine. Yes, your shoe size is right for your height. Apply the following lotion to pimple points three times a day.

Pimple Lotion

Precipitate of sulphur, one dram; tincture of camphor, one dram; rosewater, four ounces.

Lonely Opale, Sick Jane, Thin and Lean, Miss Wyandotte, Subscriber and others.—Holding your hands in warm sweet almond oil for twenty minutes daily will keep them soft and white. Rubber gloves do not whiten hands. Paint the face with lemon juice if you want to bleach your freckles out of existence. This is quite a severe bleach, so don't use it if your skin is sensitive. I am giving formula below for a cream that I like.

Orange-flower Skin Food

Spermaceti, one half ounce; white wax, one half ounce; sweet almond oil, two ounces; lanoline, one ounce; coconut oil, one ounce; tincture of benzoin, three drops; orange-flower water, one ounce.

Melt the first five ingredients in a porcelain kettle, take from fire and add the benzoin and the orange-flower water, stirring it with an egg beater until cold.

I know of the Company you mention and understand they are reputable. If you will practice turning the head first to the left and then to the right, for ten minutes twice a day, you will soon have a

plump neck. While practicing this exercise, the muscles of the neck must be held tense and the chin should be stretched up and out.

Bleach for Yellow Neck

One ounce strained honey, one teaspoonful of lemon juice, six drops of oil of bitter almonds, whites of two eggs, enough oatmeal to make a fine paste.

Spread this thickly on a piece of cotton cloth, three inches in width, and tie as a bandage around the throat. Four or five of these applications should bleach the neck to a satin whiteness. Remember this is not a face bleach and the oil of bitter almonds is a poison and must not be swallowed or left within the reach of children.

To bleach the face, you should use the almond meal mask spoken of so often in this department.

Elsie—I am forced to confess that I cannot help you. Why don't you like almond-shaped eyes? They are considered very pretty.

Black Eyes, Young Miss, Sweet Sixteen, Anxious Mother and others.—As you are sixteen you should wear your dresses just below your shoe-tops. You wear your skirt too short for a girl of your age. You evidently have a good bust. Quinine rubbed on the fingernails will keep you from biting them. As you did not give me color of eyes, hair or complexion, I could

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I QUICKLY CURED MY SUPERFLUOUS HAIR

You May Cure Yours too by a Simple Remedy Learned from the Japanese

Will Give the Benefit of My Experience to Anyone Free of Charge

Ever since I was a little girl, I was cursed with a growth of Superfluous Hair. I didn't mind it so much then, but when I grew to young womanhood, the humiliation grew upon me until it became almost a nightmare. It finally got to the point where I was ashamed to go out of the house, and at the coming of a stranger, I wanted to run and hide my face. The thing preyed on my mind until there were times when my spirits were at their lowest

Comfort's League of Cousins

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of those great, big, juicy sort of gourmets (you know the kind I mean, Daniel, as you've had one for many a moon), but Daniel, my dear boy, never get a grinch, never nurse a grievance, never fill your mortal hide with the poisonous toxins of resentment, anger, hate and all uncharitableness, unless you are positively certain that you have real cause for complaint, a genuine grievance, a cruel wrong you would shed your last drop of honest blood to right. Now Daniel, my dear Daniel, why did you get it into your think box, that because you coughed up your little twenty-five cents for a subscription, that the expenditure of that princely sum absolutely entitled you to air your views in COMFORT on any and all subjects whenever the spirit moved you. If you bought a quarter's worth of eggs in a grocery store would that entitle you to ownership of the store? If I bought a plate of soup in your hotel, would that give me the right to claim the whole of your beat joint as my property? We have over a million and a quarter subscribers to COMFORT, Daniel, and about six millions of readers, and if your subscription entitles you to have your letters published in our columns, all our other enormous army of subscribers necessarily must be entitled to the same privilege. Now, my very dear Daniel, can you imagine what sort of a magazine this would be if we tried to publish even ten thousand letters every month, let alone a million and a quarter. My dear boy we would need a magazine of from one to ten thousand pages monthly, and instead of paying twenty-five cents a year for it, you would have to cough up at least five hundred dollars an issue. At the most I can only publish ten or a dozen letters monthly, and every month I receive from one to two thousand pieces of mail for publication. You say: "I think my money is as good as any place else." Translating that sentence into English, Daniel, and it needed quite a lot of translation to get it into English, I assure you, I understand you to mean that your money is as good as anyone else's. So it is, my dear Daniel so it is, and also by all the rules of logic and plain reasoning, other people's money is just as good as yours, and the letters of the little folks which I have published, and which seem to have greatly aroused your ire, have just as much right to be in print as yours, and in fact more so, as primarily this department was intended for the young folks, and I believe Daniel, that you are a gentleman who has attained to the dignity of manhood. I am sorry, Daniel that you object to the young folks sending me their love, and begging me to come and visit them. Now I am very proud of those sentiments and those invitations. They would not love me unless I gave them cause to love me, and it's a glorious thing, Daniel, to have won the hearts of the young, for remember Christ said that of such were the Kingdom of Heaven. You know, Daniel, no man can please everyone. I never shall even attempt to do it. I have to disappoint nearly two thousand people every month, and yet, the disappointed ones instead of feeling anger and resentment, as you do, take the disappointment in good part and harbor no resentment against me, as alas, Daniel I fear that you do. Usually I make it a point to publish a certain number of letters that call for serious comment, written by adults, and a certain number for the little ones filled with the prattle of youth, letters which give me opportunity for fun making, which they and also the grown ups heartily enjoy. I am glad to hear that ten thousand people in Tampa have bragged about some of the letters I have published, though, Daniel, I fear that this is somewhat of an exaggeration on your part, as we have not that number of subscribers in Tampa, and unless you hired a hall seating ten thousand people, and read these letters to them, I hardly see how you can possibly state that ten thousand people did really brag about some of the letters being grand, and also, alas, some of the others being disgraceful. You say that your letters were basted on drinking and cigarettes. Maybe your letter got basted so tightly to one of the cigarettes that you, or one of your friends in a moment of abstraction smoked the cigarette, and the precious document went up in—well just plain, ordinary smoke. I hardly see how you could have basted your letter on drinking, as drinking is the act of imbibing liquid, and it would be hard to baste a letter on anything fluid, though you may, of course have basted it on the bottle containing the fluid, and if you did it is possible of course that Billy the Goat or some evil person may have swallowed the bottle. Your suggestion, Daniel, that I have a fondness for cigarettes and whiskey is an unkind thrust, wholly unworthy of so noble a soul as yourself. I have always despised and detested whiskey, and nothing alcoholic has passed my lips in fourteen years. One drop of whiskey in a tumbler of water would give me a violent headache and a first-class jag. I have used my voice, pen and all my influence for years in fighting both cigarettes and whiskey. Some of my dearest friends have been killed by both and I would prohibit their manufacture and sale tomorrow if I had my way—so my dear boy you are wide of the mark. The fact that your letter was "basted" on the subject of cigarettes and whiskey was probably the reason I destroyed it, for I cannot keep harping on this subject in every issue. I would weary and disgust our readers if I did. Another reason maybe, why I didn't publish your letter, Daniel (and I reject thousands for the same reason) was because your spelling, punctuation and knowledge of our native tongue, was so original and paralyzingly unique, that I simply did not dare spring it on our readers. At the end of your letter, Daniel, you make this remark: "There is more paper than you, sir." You are quite right, Daniel. In this statement you have truth lashed to the mast, for I am mere flesh and bone (wholly the latter) a mere hunk of human clay and there is not an atom of paper in my composition. A man did tell me once that he would give me a twenty dollar bill if I would swallow it, and I swallowed it all right, hugged the sweet delusion to my soul that it was all mine. I had some paper inside me then, but alas! the mean man had a string to the bill, and just as I was going to walk away with the bill inside me, he jerked the string, and up came the bill. You also add: "I will continue to do as I have said, to publish your paper." It is very kind of you to offer to publish COMFORT. It will save Mr. Gannett an awful pile of money if you only will. COMFORT does not stand to its work, Daniel. Most of COMFORT's employees sit down to their work, and as far as my work is concerned, Daniel, I lie down to it. Your money is all right, Daniel, and so are you. The only trouble is, like many other good men, you are laboring under a delusion. No publication on earth, gives any one the absolute right to have their communications printed in its columns. If we gave all of those who subscribed to our paper such a privilege, we would lose all our subscribers in a month, and we would have a publication that would look as though it had been edited and written by a bunch of lunatics in a first-class bug house. I published your letter, Daniel, exactly as written, adding a comma and period here and there to make it more intelligible. I hope the joy that you will experience and that our readers will also experience in seeing your letter in print, will more than atone for the anguish and mortification I may have innocently caused by failing to publish your previous valued communications.

KITTANNING, R. R. 4, PA.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:
I go to school. There are twenty-six goes to our school. We have four cows and four calves. I wash the dishes. It is thirteen days to Santa Claus comes. Last year he brought me a doll and a tablet and some colors. I have missed six half days of school. I am in the third reader and in the speller and in long division. I have sisters and one brother. I am eight years old, and my oldest sister is six years old,

and my youngest sister is two years old and my only brother is three years old.
I hope that Billy won't get this.

GERTRUDE MCKEE.

Gertrude, yours is a bright little letter. It is capitally written. I wish some of the older cousins could see it. It's your own unaided effort too, I know that. Glad to hear that you wash the dishes. Dish washing is a mean job, but somebody has to do it. I hope you wash your hands thoroughly before you start to polish the dishes. I know a little boy who helps his mother wash dishes, and he says the only time his hands are clean is when he gets through washing the platters. He puts more dirt on the dishes than he takes off. The health of humanity is menaced by armies of disease germs. There are billions of disease germs on the average boy's dirty hands. Children fondle a cat and a dog, when these animals beg for food during meal times, then immediately after they handle bread and cake with their fingers. Animals are great carriers of disease. The germ of diphtheria especially is carried by cats. Just think of all the filth that animals roll in, and bring into the house in minute quantities you cannot see. Those invisible atoms, when they get into your system as they readily and quickly do, can kill the strongest man. Fortunately we have armies of friendly germs in our blood, and they fight the disease germ to the death. They know the invaders and go for them tooth and nail. Science, through the medium of moving pictures and the microscope has been able to actually let us see some of these desperate battles between life-and-death germs. Some animals never get a bath in all their lives, so you can imagine what an accumulated amount of dirt and filth they carry about with them, and what a menace they are to the health of the family. Now Gertrude, wash your hands thoroughly, and wash them with carbolic soap, before you attempt to wash dishes. I am glad you are doing so splendidly at school. Glad too, you got that tablet last Christmas. I know a man who died and left five hundred dollars for a tablet that was to be put up in church to his memory. He did not say what kind of a tablet it was to be, and his executor who was a very mean man, saw a chance to graft some of the five hundred. He put a tablet up in the church all right, and what kind of a tablet do you think it was? It was a pepsi tablet! Wasn't that awful? Gertrude? You say you are in the third reader and the speller. I hope you will get out without trouble. Am greatly worried to know you are in long division. Short division is bad enough, but long division is terrible. I don't think it is right for a little girl like you to be in long division. Why are you being divided up in this way? You never know when these doctors start carving a person where they will quit. Tell the doctor it makes you feel all cut up. Your hope has been realized, dear. Billy did not get your letter, Gertrude. It was too good to be wasted on a goat.

KELSO, WASH.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

Kelso is located in southwestern Washington, in the center of Cowlitz Co., on the Cowlitz river, four miles from where it empties into the Columbia.

Portland, Oregon, is fifty miles south. The mouth of the Columbia is fifty miles west. Kelso has a population of over two thousand and is the biggest burg in the county. We were voted to move the county seat here, No. 8, but lost out by ninety votes from getting the necessary three fifths majority.

We have five sawmills and five shingle mills in Kelso and immediate vicinity and dozens of logging camps a few miles out. Nearly all of the logs are hauled to the river dumped in and rafted and the rafts towed to Portland where they are manufactured into lumber. How many of the cousins know how smelts are caught? The smelts run up this river from about the first of January till March. The fishermen have dips nets about two feet across, and four feet long, on the end of long poles. They go out in boats and anchor on a bar and scoop 'em up. When the main run is on one man can catch from forty to fifty fifty-pound boxes, in a few hours and they sell at fifty cents a box. I know this must seem impossible to people who have never seen it and I wouldn't believe anybody for not believing it, unless they did see it. I hear you exclaim "worse and more of it?" when I tell you that last season there was one dip made that brought up a box and two thirds (eighty-five pounds) of smelt. There were five hundred and seventy-five fish and this is believed to be the biggest catch ever made here.

How many of the cousins contemplate coming West? People are coming in here every day, especially from the middle west, but more especially from Kansas. Most of them come from farms and when they get here, expect to work in sawmills, shingle mills, etc., which makes too many people for the jobs. What we need more than anything are more farmers. There are thousands upon thousands of acres of the best farming land that ever laid outdoors and where crops never fail, that is just waiting for someone to clear off of the stump and farm it.

Well, I will describe myself. I am twenty-one years old, have blue eyes, medium brown hair and fair complexion, height five feet nine inches without my shoes, and weigh about one hundred and forty pounds. They call me "Slim".

"Well, I will close, hoping to hear from all the cousins. Will try to answer all letters unless I get more than 'stein hundred.'

Your affectionate nephew,

ALLYN F. RATHBURN. (No. 17,280.)

Allyn, yours is a newsy, interesting letter. Why did you vote to move the county seat? I suppose you thought it was your turn to sit on it did you? It seems ridiculous that a county should have only one seat. Probably that is all they can afford for furniture does cost terribly these days. There are so many sawmills in Kelso though, it seems to me you ought to have more than one seat to your county. I am quite interested in your account of the smelt fisheries, Allyn. I caught two fish once, and when I got home there were three, two fish and one smelt. We are always glad in New York when smelts are in season. They are delicious, dainty little fish. I feel sorry for those who do not have the opportunity to have a feast of them during the season. One thing I don't understand, Allyn, is your method of catching smelts in the Columbia river. You say there was one dip made that brought up a box and two thirds of smelt. I suppose the fish all get in a box and another fish comes along and nails on the lid, and another fish dumps the box into the net, and you go off to town with the box and collect the money. It was very obliging of the fish to save you the trouble of boxing them. Maybe you catch the salmon canned as well as the smelts boxed. You are luckier than I am. I always was the unluckiest man that ever lived. If it was raining soup I would have a fork; if it was raining peas I'd be caught with a knife, and a knife in that case would be about as useful as a ball bedroom to a Mormon. You say the smelts run up the river from January till March. The rest of the year I suppose they walk. Too bad they don't swim once in a while. Sorry the Columbia has bars in it. Evidently it is no Prohibition river. I suppose if the Columbia went dry the bars would have to close up. I notice that even in "dry" states the rivers still remain wet. Allyn I am glad my dear boy that you have made an appeal for more farmers. That's what the world needs, the United States especially. People are idiots to swarm into towns and work for miserable wages. Why do men want to be wage slaves, building up fortunes for other men, bossed, harassed and speeded up by superintendents and foremen, until the last ounce of strength, ambition and energy is sweated out of them? A newspaper in Leeds, England, recently sent one of its brightest writers to make a tour of this country and study industrial conditions and particularly study the condition of the wage earners. There was one thing in his report that deeply interested me. He noticed that there were no old men at work, in fact there were not even any middle-aged men. He asked the superintendent of a big factory in Ohio where the middle-aged and old men were. "Oh," said the superintendent, with a chuckle, "we killed them all off long ago, the old men are all out in the cemetery." Keep out of the factories and go back to the farm. If you don't make farming pay,

it is because you don't understand your business. Read the editorial talk over again that was in our Thanksgiving issue. Slashed farming does not pay, but scientific farming does, and pays handsomely. Why be another man's slave when you can be your own boss? Why wear your life out in a miserable factory, working for others, when you can live a life of freedom, with the blue skies above and smiling nature all around

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Home Dressmaking Hints

Early Spring Styles

BY GENEVA GLADING

The Economical Side

EW women there are nowadays who do not realize the importance of knowing how to cut and make neat, well-fitting garments for herself and family, and what it means to her in the way of dollars and cents, as well as in their personal appearance, for the cost of material is only a small part of the total outlay where the making is done by a hired dressmaker or seamstress.

To understand the art of "making over" is something that every woman feels the necessity of, and to go about this intelligently, one must know the principles of dressmaking; that is, to be able to follow the printed directions for cutting and putting together a garment, and how to baste and sew smoothly and evenly.

In last month's COMFORT we illustrated the cutting and construction guides which are inclosed with each pattern. These are not guides to the general use of all patterns, but guides to the pattern ordered, showing each piece, how to lay it on cloth, how to get the garment out of the least possible amount of material and how the different parts of the garment are put together.

To the home dressmaker these charts are the best kind of a lesson in dressmaking and alone



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Notes on Spring Fashions

What to wear when the cold lessens, and how to get the longest service out of the winter wardrobe is the question puzzling the woman, whose pocketbook must meet many demands just now.

The one-piece dresses, changed only in detail hold their popularity. These may be cut in one, or made by joining a waist and skirt, which is done with most gratifying results.

The use of two different materials and the varied styles in bands and flounces render it possible to "make-over" dresses more satisfactorily than ever before.

The waist with sleeve and body cut in one gains in favor, and makes it possible to get some lovely combinations in color and material. While the kimono sleeves have by no means superseded those cut separately, the fact that it really does very much lessen the labor of making a waist, besides its becomingness to all ages and figures, recommends it to the home dressmaker.

Bands as shown in Nos. 3552 and 3750 will figure prominently in the spring and summer styles.

The French knot has reappeared and will be used by itself to decorate bands, as well as with other embroidery, braiding and beadwork.

Panne velvet sashes and girdles in black and colors will be used extensively and on all dressy materials; also the pretty flowered ribbons which look particularly well with plain materials.

The kilted skirts measuring from three and one half to four yards in width, will share in popularity with the narrow gored and those having kill plait and scant circular flounces. One thing is assured, the spring skirts will lose nothing in width, but will show a tendency toward greater breadth.

Nos. 3572 and 3443 are skirts of comfortable width and are unusually smart when made into a one-piece dress or worn separately.

The Empire waist line as shown in No. 3759 will remain in favor throughout the spring and

summer. They are particularly becoming to long-waisted figures.

A wide range of materials and prices are found in the shops. The fabrics and colors are very beautiful and it is surprising how many of the most attractive ones can be bought at one dollar per yard.

Silky mohair is one of the leading fabrics, and is made into both suits and dresses. Checks and stripes will be popular, also spots and bordered materials. Few patterns are designed for using the borders as woven in, but instead they are torn off and applied wherever required.

Satin and satin effects are strong this season, and the simple satin waists to match suits will be much worn.

Batiste, organdy, cotton foulard, gingham and linen will lead in the thin materials. Wash materials may be bought from eight to fifteen cents a yard and these make the prettiest of dresses for all ordinary occasions, including the morning trip to market.

For the Little Folks

In the dress lines the Peter Thompson styles are coming strongly to the fore, Nos. 3668 and 3624 being very desirable styles. They make practical school dresses, and at the same time are excellent models for the more dressy occasions, being always smart and becoming. Gingham, galatea, cotton poplin and linene make the best of materials for school and everyday wear, while pongee, nainsook and batiste make up pretty dressy costumes.

Little boys to the age of six years look best in the Russian suits as shown in No. 3666, and for play wear the denim rompers are healthy, neat and durable.

Wrappers or Morning Gowns

Our display of wrappers or morning gowns deserves special attention. These necessary and useful dresses are made from prints, percales or gingham where hard service is required, or may be made attractive and suitable for afternoon wear when made from cashmere, crepe, cotton voiles, silk, messalines, etc. Pretty little touches of trimming in the way of ribbon bows, a lace or silk frill at the neck, neat turn-back cuffs of lawn or embroidery or a fancy yoke, all "dress up" a neat house dress and enable one to wear it on more occasions.

Description of Comfort's New Seam-Allowing Patterns

No. 3553—Ladies' Waist with lining, two-seam sleeves and one-piece over sleeves. Closing in back. Sizes 32 to 40-inch bust measure. Price 15 cents.

No. 3554—Ladies' Five-gored Skirt. With habit back and box plaited flounce with straight lower edge. Sizes 22 to 30 inches waist measure. Price 15 cents.

No. 3555—Ladies' Double-breasted Coat. In

having two-seam sleeves. Collar either of two styles. Sizes 32, 36, 40 and 44 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires four and one half yards 54-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3207—Ladies' House or Nurse's Costume. Waist with shirt sleeves and skirt in seven gores with inverted plait or habit back and in regulation or shorter length. Sizes 32 to 46 bust measure. Size 36 requires nine and one half yards 27-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3857—Ladies' Apron. Sizes 32, 36 and 40 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires three and one eighth yards 36-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3103—Ladies' Costume, having rolling collar and two-seam sleeves with turn-back cuffs. Skirt in nine gores and in regulation length. Sizes 32 to 40 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires 10 yards 27-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3759—Ladies' Six-gored Skirt. With front gore and band in one piece and having circular flounce and Empire waist-line. In regulation length. Closing to the left of center-back under plait. Sizes 22 to 30 inches waist measure. Size 26 as illustrated, requires two and one half yards 45-inch material and one yard 36-inch contrasting material. Width around lower edge about two and five eighths yards. Price 15 cents.

No. 3572—Ladies' Six-gored Skirt. Closing to the left of center-back under plait. In regulation or shorter length. Width around lower edge about three and one eighth yards. Sizes 22 to 30 inches waist measure. Size 26 requires three yards 54-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3323—Ladies' Dressing Sacque with front tucked or gathered. Having two styles of collars and sleeves. Sizes 32 to 44 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires seven and one eighth yards 27-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3570—Ladies' Wrapper, having two styles of sleeves and standing or rolling collar. Sizes, 32 to 44 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires seven and one quarter yards 36-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3572—Ladies' Open Drawers. Dart-fitted and having a straight ruffle. Sizes, 22 to 32 inches waist measure. Size 26 requires two and one half yards 36-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3626—Ladies' Open Drawers. Dart-fitted and having a straight ruffle. Sizes, 22 to 32 inches waist measure. Size 26 requires two and one half yards 36-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3666—Ladies' Open Drawers. Dart-fitted and having a straight ruffle. Sizes, 22 to 32 inches waist measure. Size 26 requires two and one half yards 36-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3668—Ladies' Open Drawers. Dart-fitted and having a straight ruffle. Sizes, 22 to 32 inches waist measure. Size 26 requires two and one half yards 36-inch material. Price 10 cents.

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No. 3706—Ladies' Corset Cover. With plenum. Sizes 32 to 44 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires one yard 36-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3109—Ladies' Princess Wrapper, having two styles of sleeves and standing or rolling collar. In sweep or regular length. Sizes 32 to 46 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires seven yards 40-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3812—Ladies' Jacket. Three quarter fitted and perforated for shorter length. Having two-seam sleeves. Sizes 32 to 44 inches bust measure. Price 15 cents.

No. 3623—Ladies' Plaited Skirt. In seven gores and regulation or shorter length. Sizes 22 to 32 inches waist measure. Price 15 cents.

No. 3532—Ladies' Costume without lining. Having waist and sleeve caps laid in plaits, and attached straight side-plaited skirt in regulation length. Closing in front. To be worn over guimpe. Sizes 32 to 40 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires six and one quarter yards 48-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3558—Ladies' Costume, having front in panel style. Skirt in five gores with inverted plait at center back and in regulation or shorter length. Closing to the left of center front under plait. To be worn over guimpe. Width around lower edge about four yards. Sizes 32 to 42 inch bust measure. Size 36 requires eight yards 27-inch material. Price 15 cents.

Braiding Design No. 11153 for Costume No. 3558. Perforated stamping pattern of braiding design, including stamping preparation and ponce. Price 35 cents.

No. 3206—Ladies' Blouse in conventional design for eyelet and shadow embroidery, or may be done solid. Sizes 32 to 42 inches bust measure. Price 15 cents.

No. 11011—Embroidery design for Ladies' Blouse No. 3206. Perforated stamping pattern including stamping preparation and ponce, 25 cents. Transfer pattern of same design. Price 10 cents.

No. 3441—Ladies' Waist with lining. Three quarter length sleeves with sleeve-caps combined with body. Sizes 32 to 40 inches bust measure. Price 15 cents.

No. 3442—Ladies' Skirt closing to the left of center-back under plait. In regulation length. Sizes 22 to 30 inches waist measure. Price 15 cents. Entire costume in medium size requires seven and three quarters yards 45-inch material.

No. 3664—Ladies' Blouse. Without lining, having sleeve-cap combined with body. High or round neck. Sizes 32 to 40 inches bust measure. Price 10 cents.

No. 3568—Ladies' Skirt Yokes, consisting of two-piece yoke with seam over hips, dart-fitted yoke and short circular yoke. Lower edges in two outlines. Sizes 22 to 32 inches waist measure. Price 10 cents.

No. 3146—Dutch Collar cuff sets. Sizes 13, 14 and 15 inches neck measure. Price 10 cents.

No. 3644—Misses' Norfolk Jacket. Having shawl collar and two-seam sleeve. Sizes 14, 16 and 18 years. Price 15 cents.

No. 3621—Misses' Plaited Skirt. In seven gores. Sizes 14, 16 and 18 years. Price 15 cents. Entire costume requires six and one eighth yards 44-inch material.

No. 3601—Misses' Costume. Having under-front, back and sleeve-caps in one piece; and an attached seven-gored skirt having a plait at each seam and inverted plait at center back. Sizes 14, 16 and 18 years. Size 16 requires four and three quarters yards 44-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3085—Misses' Costume, consisting of a yoke waist with long tucked sleeves, perforated for shorter length and attached seven-gored skirt with inverted plait at center-back. Sizes 12, 14 and 16 years. Size 14 requires six and five-eighths yards 27-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3588—Misses' Costume, consisting of a blouse waist to be slipped on over the head, and a separate seven-gored skirt with inverted plait at center-back. Sizes 12, 14 and 16 years. Size 14 requires six and one half yards 27-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3426—Misses' Costume, with sleeve-caps and attached skirt, with front and back in panel style and circular yoke lengthened by a circular flounce. Closing to the left of center-back under plait. Sizes 12, 14 and 16 years. Size 14 requires five yards 40-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3791—Misses' Combination Undergarment, consisting of a corset cover with round or square neck, and circular closed drawers. Sizes 14, 16 and 18 years. Size 16 requires two and seven eighths yards 36-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3548—Misses' Drawers. Sizes 12, 14 and 16 years. Size 14 requires one and three quarters yards 36-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3215—Misses' and Girls' Sack Apron. High or low neck. Sizes six to 16 years. Size 10 requires three and one half yards 32-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3618—Child's Cape with hood or rolling collar and to be made with or without bias seam at center-back. Sizes two to 10 years. Size four requires one and one half yards 44-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3620—Child's Coat having two-seam sleeves with turn-back cuffs and large collar in square or rounded outline. Sizes one half to six years. Size four requires one and three eighths yards 54-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3747—Child's One-piece Box Plaited Dress. To be made with or without trimming band. Closes at back under center box-plait. Sizes two to eight years. Size four requires two yards 44-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3509—Child's Dress, having full length sleeves, detachable yoke and attached skirt. Closing in front. Sizes four to 12 years. Size eight requires two and three quarters yards 44-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3434—Girl's Dress consisting of a blouse with sailor collar and a straight side-plaited skirt attached to underbody. Sizes six to 12 years. Size eight requires three and one quarter yards 44-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3873—Girl's Dress having high or square neck, full or elbow length sleeves and attached straight gathered skirt. Sizes four to 12 years. Size eight requires two and three quarters yards 40-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3688—Girl's One Piece Dress, having short sleeves combined with body and closing on shoulders. Sizes two to 12 years. Size eight requires two yards 40-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3624—Girl's Dress, consisting of a blouse with sailor collar, and a straight side-plaited skirt attached to underbody. Sizes six to 12 years. Size eight requires three and one half yards 42-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 2144—Child's Rompers having two lengths of sleeves. Sizes two, four and six years, requiring two and three quarters yards 36-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 1342—Child's Bloomers. Sizes two to 12 years. Size eight requires one and one half yards 36-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 2500—Girl's Apron to be made either with sleeve or ruffle; the yoke of same or insertion. Sizes four to 12 years. Size eight requires three yards 36-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3845—Girl's Apron with turn-down collar and full length sleeve. Sizes four to 12 years. Size eight requires two and one eighth yards 45-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3865—Child's Apron and Bloomers. Sizes two to eight years. Size four requires three and three eighths yards 36-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3363—Child's Set of Short Clothes. Sizes one half to four years. Consists of dress with front and front yoke in one piece and single-breasted coat. Price 15 cents.

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No. 1265—Child's Cap, having the Dutch lap that may be omitted and to be made with or without the protection cape. Sizes, one half to four years. Price 10 cents.

No. 3439—Misses' and Girls' Sack nightgown. Having roll collar, long or short sleeves. Sizes two to 16 years. Size eight requires three and one quarter yards 36-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3825—Girls' Night Gown. High or round neck and having full length sleeves, sleeves combined with body. To be slipped on over the head. Sizes two to 10 years. Size six requires three yards 36-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3666—Boy's Suit. Consisting of a Blouse with Shawl Collar and one-seam sleeves, and Knickerbocker trousers. Sizes two to six years. Size four requires two yards 54-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3188—Little Boy's Dress. To be made with high or square neck and with or without cuffs. Closing on left side. Sizes two, three and four years. Size three requires three and one eighth yards 30-inch material with one half yard 27-inch contrasting material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3300—Boy's Norfolk Suit, consisting of a jacket with notched collar and two-seam sleeves; also Knickerbocker trousers and by closing. Sizes six to 14 years. Size 10 requires two and one quarter yards 54-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3306—Men's Negligee Shirt with rolling collar and turn-back cuffs; perforated for straight cuffs. Sizes 14 to 17 inches neck measure, including half inch sizes. Size 14 1/2 requires two and one quarter yards 36-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 11474—Embroidery design for pillow. Perforated stamping pattern with stamping preparation and ponce, 20 cents. To be developed in outline and solid stitch. Transfer pattern, 10 cents.

No. 11097—Design for pillow-top showing American Eagle and Flag. To be executed in outline or solid embroidery. Size 17 by 17 inches. Perforated stamping pattern, including stamping preparation and ponce, 20 cents. Transfer pattern of this design, 10 cents.

Sewing Tips

Stitch wash goods with a fairly loose tension.

Always darn stockings and underwear with cotton. Wool will shrink and draw.

If children's stockings are darned at heels and toes before wearing they will last as long again.

For a loose machine belt, put on a few drops of oil, give the wheel a few vigorous turns and it will soon tighten.

A few cents' worth of alum dissolved in water enough to thoroughly wet the goods will "set" well in cotton fabrics.

Try a simple embroidery design carried out with beads on sheer silk or chiffon. White beads on black is one of the smartest effects.

For rain coats or other materials that break where the buttons are sewed on, use a small button at the back, sewing through both at the same time. This relieves the direct strain.

It is often a pity to throw away the bottoms of negligee shirts as they are seldom worn at the time neckbands and sleeves give out. They can be utilized for little girls' dresses, using pattern No. 3668.

The importance of basting well is not fully realized by the inexperienced. If badly done the garment will never be satisfactory and you will wonder why one side of the sleeve seam dropped below the other, and why the shoulder seams after being stitched were uneven.

Adjustable sleeves for infants that cannot be easily outgrown are made by cutting the sleeves considerably longer than required at first. Make a tiny run of the inside seam and through it run a fine tape. Fasten at the cuff, pull up to the desired length and tie at the armhole to another short length. Let out when laundered. Have tape long enough to let out as baby's arm grows.

A neat and durable buttonhole for use on bands, undergarments, etc., can be made on the machine. Cut and overcast with fine thread both ways; that is, overcast around the buttonhole and back to the point of beginning. Stitch several times around, letting the first row hold the overcasting and the last row about an eighth of an inch from edge. This will be a help to those who find the making of buttonholes difficult. The strength depends on proper overcasting, as well as evenness.

To baste properly, put the two edges together and baste in a true line just inside of where you will sew and with stitches that are not too long to hold firmly. The tailoress who must do absolutely even work is taught to lay her work flat upon a board or table. For if the work is held in her lap it is quite likely to slip. To baste over a board or table without putting the hand underneath the work and thus lifting it requires some patience and practice, but when once mastered the work is better and neater.

It would seem as if there was nothing less under the sun" in the line of utility when I say that old stocking legs make good petticoats. They are cut open at the back seam, the foot cut off at ankle, and the pieces seamed together the same as any gored skirt. For the knee length they are amply long and may be finished with a cross-wise band put on so as to hold the stocking material out flat but not stretched. A shallow yoke of some thin, firm material makes the best tops. For the long petticoats, get the necessary length by adding a scant ruffle of any suitable material. In these days of fitted skirts great attention is being given to perfect fitting underwear, and the stockinet petticoats are shown in the best shops. The "stocking leg" petticoat can be made to do equally good service.

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Conducted by Cousin Marion

In order that each cousin may be answered in this column, no cousin must ask more than three questions in one month.

NOW, by the almanac, my dears, we have
spring, but how is the weather with
all of you except those who live way
down South or off to the warm south-
west? It isn't much like real, nice
gentle spring is it? I think March is
the worst month in the year, and I hope none of
my cousins have March tempers. They would be
something awful if they had. However, there
is not a great deal of March and I guess we will
be so glad it is over that we will enjoy the other
months that much more. So let us be happy and
get to work.

B. E. M., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.—I think he is de-
ceiving you. I don't think I ever heard of a young
man twenty-five years old who really was in love
with a girl of forty-four. Are you very rich? Be-
ware, my dear, he is trifling with you, sure.

Kitty Dear, Rosedale, Wash.—It will be quite
proper to accept his invitation to the masquerade,
but don't you go to thinking he means anything
except ordinary courtesy because he invites you to the
party, knowing you only a short time.

Undecided, Milroy, Ind.—I don't think second
cousins should marry unless they are so much in
love with each other that it would cause them very
serious distress not to marry. There is no law
against it, and they can if they want to, but I
wouldn't fall in love with my second cousin no matter
how nice he was.

Teddy Bear, Aberdeen, S. Dak.—Just go on breaking
hearts and don't get married, or that will break
your heart. A girl as beautiful and as popular as
you say you are has no right to marry and be the
slave of one man. P. S. You might put in a little of
your spare time looking over your grammar and spelling
book. There's a lot in them you haven't learned yet.

Rosebud, Middlesboro, Ky.—"Does a boy like you
better by your beauty or your ways?" Well, if he is
a sensible boy who ought to know that mere physical
beauty may be lost very easily and is of no value be-
low the surface, he will like you for your ways
which are more than skin deep and will always
be beautiful, if they are beautiful ways to begin with.
Beauty of face and form is no doubt very
attractive, but place your dependence in beautiful
ways if you want something to last as long as you
do, and make the whole world love you. (2) It is
quite improper to speak to a boy you do not know.
Nice girls do not do that. Of course, among young
girls at school formal introductions are not necessary.

White Rose, Hensley, Va.—Don't let the dream
about the dark man bother you. Dreams go by con-
traries and you will probably meet a blond man. Any-
way there is nothing much in dreams of any kind, and
nothing at all in that kind. A dream husband isn't
the kind for any girl. The only kind is a real
one who is substantial and good and true and loving
always. You look out for that sort.

Marion, Clifton, Ill.—Let the people talk, as long as
you go to his place of business only on business,
but do not stay there any longer than is absolutely
necessary and don't let him talk to you except on busi-
ness. If he wants to talk anything else, invite him to
call on you. If he will not come to your house, you
may know that he is only flirting with you, or trying to.
If he cares for you at all, you need not be afraid he will resent your refusing to talk anything
but business during business hours.

Anto Driver, Butte City, Mont.—See answer under
Manners and Looks.

F. E. E. R., Laurel Hill, Ohio.—You or your father
may either write to his parents inviting them to the
wedding. Let your father do it, and you inclose
a little note with his more formal one. White silk is
very nice for a wedding gown, and is often worn.
Blue tailor jacket suit for traveling is also very nice,
but gray will show dust less. Marrying at the person-
age and in white silk, I hardly think, you should
wear a hat. It would be all right with a travelling
suit, but not the silk. White gloves should be worn
with the white silk.

The first in the list is from Broken Heart, of Mount-
ain View, Mo., who has had a falling-out with her
"gentleman friend" and wants to know if she should
make up or quit him and she thinks more of him than
she ever did of anybody she ever went with. I won't
give her any advice except not to call him her "gentle-
man friend," and I'll wager a cookie that they are
good friends as ever by the time she reads this. This
kind of broken heart can be patched up mighty easily.

Contemplation, Oneida, N. Y.—If a girl is earning
eighteen dollars a week she should not marry a man
who is earning less than that, and not then unless he is
young and there is fair promise that he will advance.
A girl capable of earning eighteen dollars a week is
practically worth eighteen thousand dollars, which at
five per cent a year will give her that amount, and
really the man should be worth that much.

Little Girl, Sherburn, Minn.—Of course, it isn't
nice for him to have two girls and if you are real-
wise you will tell him to get some other girl if he
thinks you will be second. I don't think he is trying to
have you right anyway, and you should quit with him just
as soon as you can tell him you don't want to have
him around at all.

Blonde, Tacoma, Wash.—Unless he is making quite
enough to support you and save a little for a home,
I think you are wise in waiting and helping him by
saving out of your salary as teacher. You tell me that he
is not a "silly kid affaire" but when you tell me that he
is twenty-four years old and cries because you won't
have him, until you are able to marry, I think he is a kid,
anyhow, and ought to wait till he is older, especially not to
cry when he doesn't get what he wants. Make him wait
till you are twenty-four. (2) Engaged couples sit in
each other's laps. I believe, but it isn't a bit com-
fortable I'm sure, and husbands and wives don't do
much of it. Why don't they, do you suppose?

Silly Girl, Beardstown, Ill.—if you are no better
actress than you are a sweetheart, I'm sorry for the
stage and the young man. You are the kind of a girl
that shouldn't marry till you are thirty years old and
then only to a man who knows exactly what you are
and is willing to take the risk of having such a girl
as a wife. You neglected the young man's letters,
and got what you deserved when he went with the
other girl and your jealousy is bringing you the re-
ward you have earned. Now get sensible and stop
talking about going crazy and going on the stage,
and see if you can go along as a well-balanced girl
should. You are so young that you may outgrow
your bad temper or at least control it to some extent,
and if you don't, my advice is not to marry anybody.

Undecided, Midvale, Utah.—Goodness me, if you are
so happy in your love, why do you make yourself unhappy
by thinking of the future and what it might
bring if everything wasn't just as full of sunshine as
the present is? Stop that kind of thinking, and think
only of how much unhappier you would be without him
than you could possibly be with him, and you will
marry him. But don't marry till you are twenty-one. By
that time you will have got used to him and you
simply won't think of losing him.

Blue Eyes, Wilber, Nebr.—If you think he is really
worth waiting three or four years for, then wait for
him. But don't become engaged to him and don't
have any more kissing than is absolutely necessary.
I think both of you will change your minds long be-
fore three years have passed.

Doubtful and Uncertain, Kremmlin, Colo.—It is

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quite as proper for a girl of nineteen to become en-
gaged to a boy of seventeen as it is for a girl of nine-
teen to keep company with a widower of forty-eight.
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Brooklynite, Brooklyn, N. Y.—In character he is
everything that he should be, and yet because he is
not as tall as you like you think you could not be
happy as his wife comparing him with big men of your
acquaintance. If you think size is all that makes a good
husband, why not go out to the Zoo and talk to the
elephant or the giraffe? In the meantime don't marry
till you are more capable of judging many qualities.

Cowgirl, Westmoreland, Cal.—Don't ask my advice.
Go to your mother. If you will not tell her you deserve
whatever happens. Girls that won't tell their mothers aren't quite what they should be.

Patient, Newark, N. J.—If he has a taste for the
drug business and wants to learn it, don't discourage
him. If he is only seventeen now, you and he will
not be sweethearts when he is grown up and a real
druggist. A seventeen-year-old boy's mind changes
very materially about girls when he becomes old enough
to know what marriage means.

Dewdrop, Vernonia, Ore.—A sixteen-year-old girl may
correspond—please don't argue it "correspond"—with a young man if her parents do not object. (2) There is
nothing objectionable about home dances as far as I
know, but the young girl should have an older person to
look after her! (3) Don't write gushy letters, and
never begin them more affectionately than "Dear" Bob,
or Jack or whatever his name may be. Love letters
are something dreadful when other people happen to get
hold of them, as they often do.

Brunette, Seattle, Wash.—I have no objections if
your parents haven't, but don't marry before you are
twenty-one. And don't be engaged longer than three or
four months. You can be just as true and loving
without a formal engagement, lasting indefinitely.

Tutty, Los Angeles, Cal.—Can't you be friends with
the young man you have rejected. If he wants to be
friends and be polite to you? If you can't, be must
be either very nice, or very bad. (2) Being members
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enlarging her bust, rounding out a thin, scrawny
neck and building up hollow cheeks.

March

COMFORT

Comfort's League of Cousins

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man, strong of wind and limb would prefer wage slavery to agricultural independence beats me. Don't get the demoralizing habit of looking to another man for a living. Fill your star spangled American body with a love of liberty and independence, and be a farmer, a producer, adding to your own and the world's wealth, subduing nature and making the wild places of the earth smile with fruitful crops. Be a producer and not a mere consumer, be an independent, liberty loving American, not a dependent, harassed, doomed to die young, wage slave.

NAPER, NEBR.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:
As I have never written to you I will now write. Mama has been reading some letters out of the comforter. I am thirteen years old, have light hair and blue eyes. I am about four feet ten inches in height, and can make beds milk cows ride horseback and help in the house. I live on a farm three miles from town, and a quarter of a mile from school. I go to a little country school with only one room, three windows in one side and a door in one end. We have sixteen pupils in our room. I am in the sixth grade and I have a brother ten years old and he is in the fourth grade. Our town has about sixteen stores in it and about three hundred inhabitants in it. It has no railroad, our nearest railroad town is St. Charles, South Dakota. I hope you have a joyful Christmas. I will close. Answer this letter. IRENE DEAN.

Irene, you are quite a clever young lady, and though I am a pretty slick guy myself, or think I am, you have me lashed to the mast and whipped to a white froth, for versatility, cleverness and real genius. You say you can make beds milk cows ride horseback and help in the house. Many of the cousins have written that they can make beds milk cows, but you are the first one who has ever started the world by proclaiming they can make beds ride horseback. I certainly would like to see a bed riding horseback and helping around the house. A bed of that kind would very soon solve the help question, and the help question is a terrible puzzle these days. I am very much interested in that town you live in, Irene. I can quite understand some of the statements you make about it, and then there is one statement you make I don't understand. You say you have sixteen stores. I can readily believe it, but what I don't understand is your statement regarding Naper having three hundred "inhabitants." What are inhabitants? Are they bipeds or quadrupeds? Do they belong to the human family or the animal kingdom? Do they walk, creep, crawl or fly? Are they alive or merely fossilized specimens of a prehistoric age? Do these inhabitants (I believe that is the correct way to pronounce it) come across with the dough for their cats, or does the town have to pay board for them? We are deeply interested in this matter, Irene, and I wish you would enlighten us on these points. I never heard of a town, city or village in my life which had a single inhabitant, let alone three hundred of them. Evidently these inhabitants must be bunch of wops of more than ordinary importance, or you would not go out of your way to put us wise to the fact that you had three hundred of them herded in the vast metropolis, I mean metropolis of Naper, Nebr. Billy the Goat says he is of the opinion that you mean inhabitants, but there is such a vast gulf between inhabitants and inhabitants that I think Billy is smoking up the wrong tree this time. From the fact that you have no railroad, it is very evident that the inhabitants didn't hit your burg in a Pullman, nor float in by freight, but must have hoofed it in across the prairie, dodging the gofer holes on foot. Well, whatever the inhabitants are, Irene, I am glad you have got them, and I am sure they must be the real goods or you would not brag about possessing them. If you'll send me one on a postal card, I'll have the wise guys in the Smithsonian Institute look it over and tell us what it really is. Maybe there are other towns possessing inhabitants, but if there are I never heard of them. You seem to have cornered the "inhabitant" market, Irene, and as long as they are not a bunch of lemons I trust your possession of them will afford you and the citizens of Naper the peace and joy that passeth all understanding.

AUSTIN, B. R. 8, Box 62, TEXAS.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE AND COUSINS:
I live on a large farm about five miles east of our capital city, Austin. I like to live in the country very much. My summer vacations are spent at home; but during nine months of the year, I attend the State School for the Blind in Austin. I have been a student at the institution nine years, and am prepared for the eleventh grade, am seventeen years of age.

I lost my sight ten and one half years ago. My right eye was fatally injured by an accidental stroke of a large knife; the left eye went out through sympathy. Yet, I am abundantly blessed with a happy home, loving parents, and devoted sisters and brother.

I am very proud of our grand old school where every opportunity for a literary, musical and industrial education is extended to all the blind of the state, who will accept this great privilege. I think every young man and woman should strive for an education. It was the great Benjamin Franklin who said: "He that can have patience can have what he will." I am sorely testing that one quotation, for after my graduation, I intend to take up kindergarten work and become a teacher.

Cousins, not long ago I had a birthday and for a present, mother gave me a copy of Uncle Charlie's poems. Say, I didn't know what a grand old uncle we had. If you do not already possess one of these delightful books, you should work for or purchase one at once. You will not regret having done so, for the dear, precious volume is a sure cure for the blues. It is the best collection of humorous poems I ever read. I am very fond of good literature, music, and flowers. In my opinion, there's nothing more beneficial than a nice collection of beautiful quotations and memory gems. I have a great many, and would like to have many more. My mother and sisters read a great deal to me. This letter was first written in my method of writing, "New York Point" then my sister copied it in ordinary writing.

With much love to Uncle Charlie and cousins,

Ever your niece and cousin,
MISS RUBY E. MILLS.

Now isn't that a lovely letter? Doesn't your heart go out in sympathy to this dear girl? Blindness is a terrible affliction. How terrible it is few realize. If you want to get an idea what a blessing sight is, and what a terrible thing blindness is, bandage your eyes for an hour, and try and move around and attend to your work as you would do if you had your sight. In the brave, cheerful way in which Ruby Mills bears her affliction, and her heroic efforts to earn a living and be a useful member of society, there is a lesson for you all. There is not a word of complaint against the hardships of her lot, no railing at cruel fate, which has shut out from her so many of the beautiful things of life. Realizing that what cannot be cured must be endured, this brave little woman has started out to make the best of her sad predicament. When the sight fails the other senses become more active and acute, and what Ruby cannot see with her own eyes, she is seeing through the eyes of her friends, and the tips of her fingers. You will think it strange that anyone can see through the tips of their fingers, but wonderful things have been done to aid the blind. Now it is said they can do anything that people with sight can do except paint a picture. Sightless people are now occupying positions as stenographers and typewriters. Of course they have to have machines of special make to enable them to do this work. Through what they call the New York Point and Braille systems, they can both read and write, and when one can read, one can actually see through the tips of one's fingers all that is described. Understand if you write to Ruby she cannot read your writing, and she cannot write back to you with pen and ink, though she could write you a typewritten letter. She, however, is busy with her studies, and though I know it will be a keen delight to her to hear from you all, please do not be disappointed if you do not receive a reply to your letters. I have often told you to count your blessings. Thousands of those who will read this letter are struggling

with poverty, and railing at fate because life is one round of hard work, punctuated with mighty little fun and less pleasure. Ruby Mills would gladly take all your poverty and hard work and think herself in paradise if she could have your eyesight. When you contrast her sightless life with yours, hard though your lot may be, you will find you have much to be thankful for. Poor Ruby cannot see, even if she would, and there are millions of people in this world today, who can see and won't. They are the morally blind. You see there is more than one kind of blindness, and both kinds of blindness are indeed terrible afflictions. It is heartbreaking to see the morally blind walking headlong to destruction. The road they are treading is filled with wrecked and ruined lives. Every foot of the journey is marked with glaring signposts which read: "This is the road to hell hood this warning, and retrace your steps!" "Alter your evil ways before it is too late!" "Leave hope behind all ye who enter here." The morally blind know the signposts are there, but they will not read them, they will not heed them, and on they go to destruction. Many who are morally blind will read this letter, and they will pity Ruby Mills, though their affliction is far more terrible than hers. Ruby, through the eyes of the mind can see the fairest visions, visions which reach beyond this life. Her blindness is but of short duration, for God will some day open her eyes in a brighter world. The morally blind can see the sordid things of earth, and then there comes a blank wall of despair, black and impenetrable. There are no bright visions of a better world for them. In whichever direction they look, all is gloom and despair. Some are morally blind and do not know it. When you go to have your eyes tested at the oculists, you quickly get glasses to aid your vision. Now, you who are morally blind get down on your knees and ask the great oculist above to open your eyes, and give you the eyes of faith and cure you of that moral blindness, which is wrecking your life here and your chance of life hereafter. You who are lazy, discontented, slothful, peevish and complaining, take a leaf out of the life of Ruby Mills, and try and be some use to yourself, and those with whom your life is cast.

WESTERVILLE, OHIO.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:
I received my membership card and button and think them just grand.
Now let me give a short description of myself. I am five feet eight inches tall, weigh one hundred and forty-two pounds, have light brown hair, blue eyes and dark complexion. I live with my grandmother and uncle, my mother being dead and my father married again. I was fifteen years old the second of July. I live on a farm three miles north of the beautiful

little town of Westerville, only eighteen miles from the city of Columbus, the capital of Ohio. The electric railway system in Columbus is entirely shut down at present by a strike. Riots are formed and Westerville is in the mix up. I care nothing about it and intend to stay away.

How many of the cousins are fond of drawing? I am, and draw a great deal. I am also a lover of the water. I can swim, dive, skate, row, and in fact do all most anything in or on the water. I am a fair marksman and like to hunt. How many of the cousins take photos or have cameras? I have one.

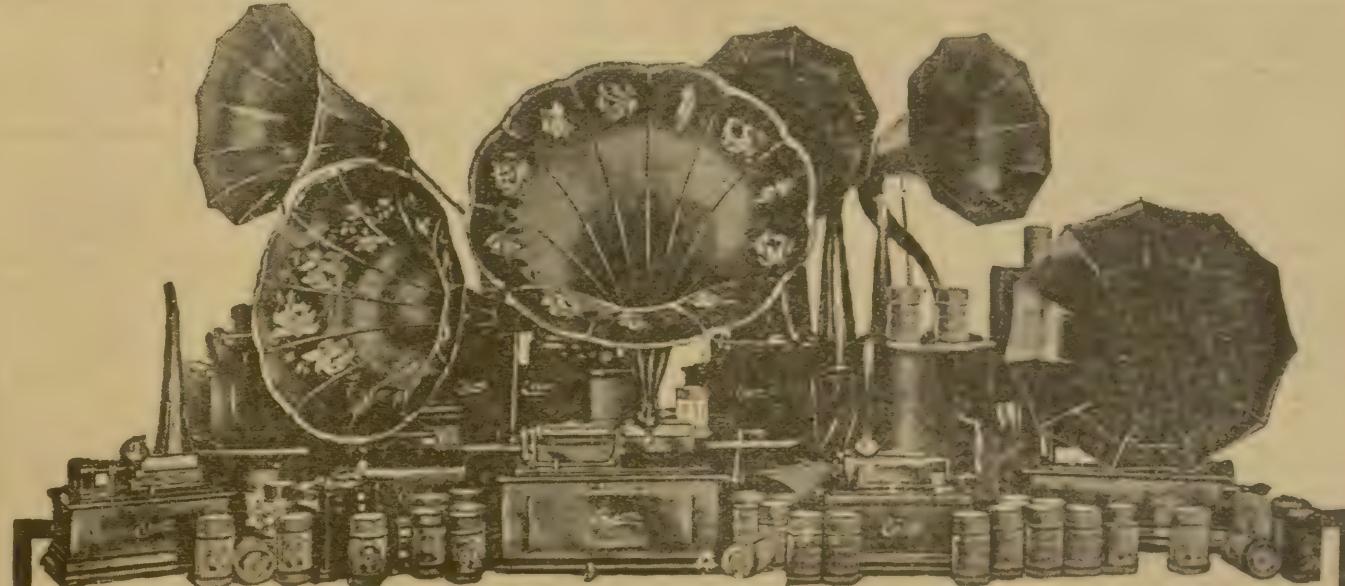
What a pleasure it is to hear from and read of, people all over our country! Just think cousins what a pleasure it is to be able to get such a paper as COMFORT. Well, I hope Billy the Goat gets the stomachache if he tries to eat this.

RAY ROBINSON.

Ray, I am glad to get your letter, but there is one sentence in it that jarred me terribly, jarred and hurt, because I know there are millions of other people in just your position in life who think as you do. You speak of the car strike in Columbus, and say "I care nothing about it and intend to stay away." It is all right for you to stay away, but it is wrong to say you care nothing about the strike, because the men who are striking in that city are striking for you as well as for themselves. I am more interested in strikes than in anything else that happens in this country. When the big car strike took place recently in Philadelphia, and also the express strike in New York, I was so wrought up over the men's efforts to better their conditions, I could hardly eat or sleep until the matter was settled. The battle that labor has been waging for the last three quarters of a century is the most absorbingly interesting and most glorious fight for human betterment that has ever been waged in the world's history. Until unionism came into existence, the working man simply had no show at all. He was entirely at the mercy of his employers, who could offer him any miserable wage they wanted to. Your average captain of industry, corporation magnate, trust director, capitalist and employer, knows absolutely nothing of political economy or economics. Their one idea (an idea which has been handed down to them all through the cruel, inhuman centuries of the past), is to pay the worker as little as possible. The old idea was to give the worker just sufficient to keep him alive, and absolutely not one cent more. It is a good thing to have cheap goods, the cheaper the better, provided the reduction in price is not brought about by means of a reduction of wages. To have cheaper goods either the retailer or the manufacturer, or both, must shave down their profits, or the factory operative's wages must be cut, or else the cost of production must be otherwise reduced by means of improved ma-

chinery and more efficient methods of manufacture, transportation and merchandising. In many classes of goods, especially those controlled by the trusts as we are painfully aware, the prices are excessively high because the manufacturers exact an exorbitantly large profit, and they ought to come down, but not through a reduction of wages. A general reduction of wages would be a calamity to the country and disastrous to the manufacturers themselves. This is the greatest manufacturing country in the world and at the same time it furnishes the largest and best market for manufactured goods and for farm products, simply because wages are higher here than elsewhere, thus enabling the laboring class in America to live better and buy more of everything and especially of manufactured goods. Outside of the farmers the middle class constitutes the great bulk of the population; cut down their wages and to the same extent you diminish the purchasing power of a large part of the community; cut down wages and the millions of laborers and their families must wear cheaper, poorer clothes even to wearing them patched and ragged and must go barefoot in summer as they do in the law wage countries. This would cut off the market upon which the great army of American laborers consume; the market would soon become stocked with goods and many of the factories in every line of industry would have to go down; the farmer would feel it, too, in a diminished demand and fewer prices for his products. Every improvement in machinery decreases the cost of manufacture and the resulting profit should, in justice to all, be fairly divided between the inventor, the manufacturer, the factory operative and the purchasing public. The laborer should get his share by a proportionate increase of wages, the public theirs by a fair reduction in price, the inventor his by a royalty, and you need not worry about the manufacturer looking after his own interests and getting his share. That is about the way things would stand under the free operation of the natural laws of trade until the trusts became strong enough to overthrow natural law and defy national and state laws. Strikes, like wars, are so costly and calamitous to the parties immediately concerned and to the public at large that they should not be resorted to except as a last extremity. The public welfare is deeply concerned in every strike; there are just strikes and unjust strikes; we should sympathize with the just and condemn the unjust strikes, and for these reasons everybody ought to be interested to know the issues involved in every strike in his community at least. I was wildly delighted when the ex-

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A Corner for Boys

By Uncle John

If you will read this column thoroughly and try the games and plans given, you will realize that a mine of amusement is at your disposal. In no other publication in the world can you find so much of genuine interest to boys. Anyone of the articles treated is worth three times what the paper costs. Boys all over the country write me letters and if they think of putting in the stamp for reply they always get an answer. The plans given are suited to all parts of the country.

A Game Board

When the weather outside is bad and you have nothing in particular to do time drags so slowly that you imagine something is surely wrong with the clock. This gameboard may help to amuse you at such a time. Procure a nice flat piece eighteen inches square and with aid of pencil and string mark on the diagram shown in Fig. 3. The black dots show where the spikes are to be driven. Be sure that you have them perfectly straight and of the same height. When this is done nail the eighteen-inch square piece to a board three inches wide so that it will tilt up on one end and present a sloping surface as shown in Fig. 1. The game is to throw rings at the pegs, the double one in the center counting ten, the single ones five each. The ring should be just large enough to encircle the double peg and the fun lies in the fact that while one player will try for it on account of the big score the other may go on trying for the single ones and gain a lead. The ring is made by bending wire round and wrapping it with tape. Three are used. Each player throws the three in turn and the first one scoring 100 points wins.

A Toy Wheelbarrow

Here is a little job for the boy who is handy with a penknife. With its aid and a discarded cigar box, which your grocer will give you, you can make this neat toy. The piece of wood you begin on should be about six inches long and four inches wide. Mark upon it a diagram exactly like Fig. 1, only larger. Out of one of the smaller pieces of wood you can fashion the side of the wheelbarrow shown in Fig. 4. Put those, for of course you need two, in place and then tack the end (Fig. 2.) to them. The supports of the toy are little square pieces placed under the handles and tacked with small brads. For a wheel use a flat disc of wood two inches in diameter or perhaps you can find a wheel of suitable size which formerly belonged to some other toy. Paint the whole red and stripe it white around the edges. You can make the wheelbarrow any size by following the same general directions.

A Wheelbarrow

For the wheelbarrow plan given herewith I am indebted to one of my boy readers. It seems like a good design to me and if you make one I am sure its usefulness will repay you for the time expended in doing so. Two parts like Fig. 1 are required, the pair being connected by the crossbars as Fig. 2 illustrates. The second board from the handles should have notches cut in the ends, as in Fig. 3. Fig. 4, Fig. 5 is a diagram of this board. The notches or holes provide a place for the side-board pegs to fit into. In Fig. 3 note the end boards. Only the highest one is as long as the flat cross pieces. Fig. 7 leaves nothing to guess

proportionate to the month of March. Here is a little information about each that will give you a starting point.

1. An ever popular old-time Irish song.
2. A March event occurring in this country every so often.
3. Two great statesmen who held high office in former days.
4. A historical episode that occurred in this month.
5. Three cities of Ireland.

February Answers

Here are the correct answers to last month's picture puzzles.

1. Crossing the Delaware.
2. Braddock's defeat.
3. Princeton, Monmouth.
4. Valley Forge.
5. First president.

Problems for March

This list of problems will help you while away the hours and at the same time furnish profitable employment. We do not claim that they are extremely simple but insist that every boy or girl who has passed through fractions should be able to work them without any assistance. I will solve them for you if you write and inclose return postage.

1. A and B can do a piece of work in 12 days, A and C in 15 days, and B and C in 20 days. How many days will it take each one working alone to do it?
2. It is between 3 and 4 o'clock and the hour and minute are exactly opposite each other. What is the time?
3. A boy who can row at the rate of 12 miles an hour finds that it takes twice as long to run his boat a mile up the stream as it does to go the same distance down stream. What is the rate per mile of the current?

Answers to February Problems

The first number is 12. 2. Eight cents. 3. A bought 4 oranges and B bought 6.

There I have furnished you with a few good suggestions. If you do not know the joy of making something with your hands that is an object of admiration among your friends you have missed a great deal. I do not know how I could make this corner better but I will certainly keep up my record of pleasing you next month. I have something special for the next great number and give you a reminder that you should not miss it. Watch for the corner and see that your subscription is paid up.

sketch Fig. 9. There are two wheels used instead of one as in most wheelbarrows. This gives it greater strength and better balance. I have no doubt but you can find a pair of wheels around the barn or in the fence corner that will do. This truck is built to carry heavy loads and will be found useful around any home.

A Bean that Coughs

There are many strange plants that seem to have some queer peculiarities and habits, but I think the queerest is the coughing bean. It grows in the tropics and has pores that are very sensitive to irritation. When they become clogged, gas collects in the plant cells and suddenly bursts forth in a tiny explosion, closely resembling the cough or sneeze of a human being. It is said, perhaps by way of a joke, that if the queer species is cultivated as a house plant the weekly sweeping would set it to coughing violently. The bean, however, does really exist and has the habit mentioned.

Stand for a Large Book

Here is a stand that can be used for a large book such as a Bible, atlas or dictionary. Set up in one corner of the living-room it will prove its usefulness many times and will have a tendency to encourage reading among the younger folks. I have made a separate drawing of each part used in the making so I do not think much explanation necessary. Figs. 6, 8 and 9 show how it works. The top part or book should be wide enough to permit the opening of the book without danger of falling off. It is hinged to the upright post and has a device on the back which holds it rigid at any desired height. On account of the frequent handling it will get, it might be well to paint the stand black, or dark green. This article is inexpensive and very easy to make and would be a much prized gift to the grandmother who daily reads her Bible.

March Puzzle

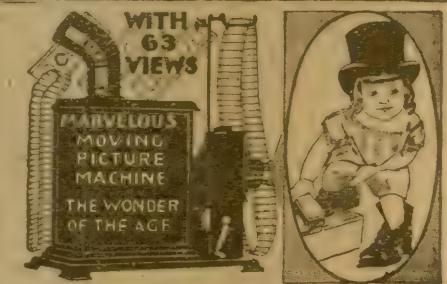
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WART.—I have a mule two years old. She had a bleeding wart on her left ear about the size of a walnut. J. Y. D.

A.—Have the wart cut out and then cauterize lightly with a red hot iron.

FIBROID TUMORS.—I have a team of horses four and five years old and they have a hard lump on their shoulders where the collar works. The lump is under the skin; it is not a hard core but seems to be on the bone. They came last spring while plowing stumpy ground. L. I.

A.—External applications will do no good in such cases. Have the tumors removed by dissection and then treat as common wounds. This treatment proves perfectly successful.

LUMPS IN SKIN.—My cow has lumps in her udder, just under the skin. Some of them get as large over as a quarter. R. D.

A.—Once a day give the udder a thorough rubbing with best cold-pressed Castor oil. Cases such as you describe usually show a form of wart which does not come through the skin.

MOON BLINDNESS.—I have a mare three and a half years old; about a month ago one of her eyes began to run clear water, and look very weak but it got all right till about a week ago it began to run water again. We have put a little powdered salin in it but it is just as bad as ever. Mrs. R. E. W.

A.—She has periodic ophthalmia (moon blindness) and it is incurable and will result in blindness of one or both eyes after repeated attacks. Do not put salt in the eye. At time of attack keep it covered with a soft cloth to be kept wet with a mixture of half a dram each of sulphate of zinc and fluid extract of belladonna leaves and ten drops of pure carbolic acid in a quart of cold water. At same time give one dram of iodide of potash in water twice daily until attack subsides; then continue with half dram doses twice daily for five consecutive days a week for a month. This treatment will greatly retard blindness. "Wolf" or "blind" teeth never in any way affect the eyes.

CHRONIC MAMMITS.—I have a cow seven years old that has the garget most of the time in one back foot and sometimes in both and once in a while in a front one. She will be fresh in March. K. H. S.

A.—It is a mistake to breed such a cow as the disease when chronic is quite incurable and tends to aggravate at each freshening. It may be due to tuberculosis of the udder and this might easily be determined by having her tested with tuberculin. Better fatten her off for meat if she is found to be free from tuberculosis.

WORMS.—I have a horse ten years old weighing nine hundred pounds that has long white worms. J. S.

A.—Mix together two parts salt and one part each of flowers of sulphur and dried sulphate of iron and of this mix one tablespoonful in the feed night and morning for one week; then skip ten days and repeat. The worms will not show up in the droppings as the medicine kills them and they are digested. The second treatment is necessary to kill the new brood of worms hatched out from egg remaining in the intestines.

ODERMA.—I have a mare eight years old weighing thirteen hundred pounds that has been sick for about nine weeks, swelling from the under part of her body to her front legs and about four inches deep all under the body and on into the brisket. G. L. C.

A.—Work the mare every day and put her on half rations. Give her a dram of iodide of potash in water night and morning for five consecutive days and a week and in her feed night and morning a dram of dried sulphate of iron along with two teaspoonfuls of salt and a teaspoonful of powdered gentian root. If she is in foal the iron and iodide of potash would be unsafe medicines.

CHOREA.—I have a mare mule two years old next spring. She was away from home on pasture all summer. She seemed all right when I brought her home in Sept. Soon after I noticed when she would start to walk both hind legs jerked; but now she seems worse than ever. Would it in so young a horse be string hait? She has never been hitched up, and has run in the pasture and around oats straw. Has been on the rye field and fed threshed oats but has not been in the barn at all.

G. L. C.
A.—The mare apparently has chorea (St. Vitus' dance) and that is incurable. String hait sometimes is an aggravated form of chorea, but more often remediable by operation (perineal tenotomy). It is barely possible that the mare has weak stifles so that the patella of each slips out and in. As that is curable try effects of blistering the stifle with cerate of cantharides once or twice at intervals of three or four weeks.

EYE DISEASE.—I have a young stallion four years old in May. He scratched one eye through the upper eyelid on some wire; it became inflamed and there was puss in eye under the lid, but it worked down into corner and under lower lid. It passed away, but there remained a dimness. Then he must have hurt it again causing inflammation, and that made it look somewhat white, but it's not a scum. Three or four streaks up and down, close together size of a hair that are red. He seems to see a little. Kindly inform me how to prepare and use calomel and boric acid, and the solution of nitrate of silver.

H. H.
A.—Deep-seated ophthalmia is present and a cataract is no doubt forming. Unless it is an absolute certainty that this condition was due to an injury we would consider it an ordinary case of periodic ophthalmia (monthly blindness), which is incurable and should retire a stallion from public service. Do not use calomel and boric acid; that is for eye disease of cattle. Paint eyeball once daily with a solution of two grains of nitrate of silver in an ounce of distilled water to be kept in a blue glass bottle. This may do some good, but if the eye fails to clear up then try effects of a dram of iodide of potash given twice daily in drinking water for five consecutive days a week.

OPEN JOINT.—I have a three-year-old mare that was kicked on left hind leg on the joint. The joint water, after a few days began to run and the leg is swollen badly around joint and down to the hoof. She cannot put her foot to the ground. Walks on three legs and once in a while she steps lightly on her toe, or forward part of hoof. Have poulticed with oil meal and bathed in hot water. While poulticing, the leg around joint matter runs. When not running the leg seems worse. It has been in this condition for four or five weeks.

L. E. T.
A.—This is a desperate case and should have been treated by an expert from the start. We do not believe you will be able to treat it successfully. Twice a day inject into open places a little of a solution of one dram of iodoform in an ounce of sulphuric ether. Then cover with clean absorbent cotton upon which has been freely spread a mixture of one part iodoform and six parts boric acid, to be kept in place with bandages. Renew the dressing daily.

DISTEMPER.—I have two horses two and three years old that have distemper; they both eat heartily. I have been working them. I feed them on clover hay and corn.

Mrs. F. R.
A.—Symptoms have to be treated as present; there is no specific for the disease. Good care, shelter and feeding are most necessary. Affected horses should not be worked and should be protected against cold and wet. Dissolve a dessertspoonful of salpeter in the drinking water twice a day while fever lasts, but not if abscesses form under the jaws. If appetite fails give two ounce doses of whiskey and half dram doses of fluid extract of gentian root every three or four hours.

GROWTH.—We have a young stallion three years old and last summer he had an eye tooth loose; he struck it on something and it hung until father pulled it out. There was a lump growing on the gum and it just keeps growing and sticks way out. Holding his upper lip out from the back side you can put your finger under the lump.

Miss. L. B.
A.—We fear this is a cancerous growth and caused the loosening of the tooth. Paint the lump with colorless iodine tincture once a day and even inject a little of it into the mass if it does not tend to go down. Give the colic a dram of iodide of potash twice daily in water for four consecutive days a week, for several weeks. It may be necessary to have an operation performed. Stop local treatment for a few days any time the parts become swollen and sore so that appetite fails.

SORE MARS.—I have a fine Bench legged black-faced dog two years old. His ears are sore. One of them has been sore eighteen months. It starts on the tip end of the ears and keeps going up higher toward his head; he claws at his head at times. I have used most all kinds of salves and none seem to do his ears any good.

Miss. N. E.
A.—Files usually aggravate this condition and make it permanent. After treatment tie a wide band of veiling or mosquito bar around the head and ears. This keeps flies away and also prevents wagging of the ears and scratching. Clip off the hair. Soak the ears in hot, saturated solution of boric acid, but do not let it run down into ear. When dry, rub iodine ointment into the sores once daily for three days; then apply once or twice daily as required a salve made of one dram each of calomel, boric acid and tannic acid per ounce of lard. If this salve does not suffice, try painting with balsam Peru twice daily and as a last resort paint with iodoform-collodion or glycerine of tannin.

INJURED FOOT.—I have a four-year-old horse. While playing he ran a snag two inches long in his front foot, next to the frog, and it came out at the heel. It was two weeks before I found it. I took it out and it healed up but he is lame; the foot seems feverish and gets dry and hard when worked. I keep the foot bathed in equal parts of oil of tar and linseed oil.

S. H.
A.—Have the blacksmith cut away all loose and under-run horn of sole and frog; then swab with a saturated solution of corrosive sublimate and cover with

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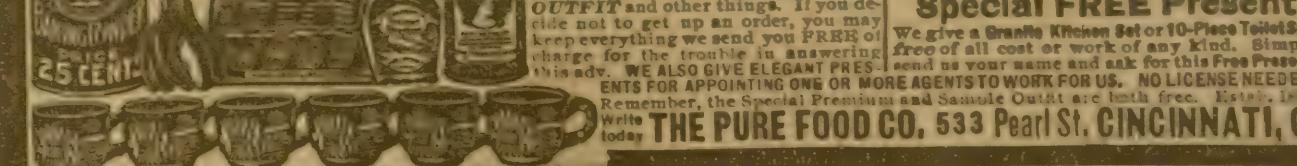


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The Pretty Girls' Club

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not say just what colors would be becoming to you. Eating several raw carrots daily for several months is said to give one pink cheeks. You should part your hair in front and wear the rest of it in puffs and rolls at the nape of the neck. I cannot tell you how to make your mouth smaller, but the following cream rubbed into the lips twice daily will keep them delightfully soft and smooth.

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Mrs. C., Virginia.—Why not wave your switch on curling pins? Do not steam the face oftener than once in fourteen days, unless you are taking a special treatment for freckles, tan or blackheads. You might massage face for ten minutes every other day. Massage across lines and rub cheeks upward. Be careful not to press down too heavily.

Miss Stella, David City, Nebr.—I think the lemon bath referred to by you would probably reduce you some. As you have heart trouble I would not care to advise any treatment for reduction of flesh. You should have your pelvic trouble taken care of.

Cora.—No, I did not give out the remedy you mentioned. It is a medicine sold everywhere now, but I could not say if it does any good. I personally do not believe in taking anything internally for the reduction of weight, unless by the advice of a physician. See my reply to Mrs. Lover of COMFORT.

Weeping Mary.—I "thought hard" as you requested and discovered the following cure for warts. Dampen spot with water, then cover wart with salt and let it remain on for five or ten minutes. Repeat several times. There should be no scar. I do not recommend any home treatment for moles, as when meddled with by unskillful fingers, they are apt to cause cancerous growths. To have a mole removed by the electric needle would probably not cost more than fifty cents.

Hopeful Arizona Girl, Janet and others.—The quickest way of developing the bust is to drink three quarts of rich, creamy milk daily. If this is impossible, you should try the following treatment, which is slower by several months. Bathe bust in hot water for five minutes, then massage with warm coca-butter, using delicate upward motions. After fifteen minutes complete the treatment by dashing quantities of cold water over bust and shoulders. Do this twice a day.

Gerty, Miss Lou, Pasadena, Miss Old Reader and others.—And so you have a poor complexion? Well, that is too bad. However, if you will stop eating fried food, cake, pie, candy, preserves, hot breads and ice cream you will soon see your skin clear up. The hot water should be taken three quarters to half an hour before each meal. I hope you will be careful to sleep with your bedroom windows open and take a daily bath. Apply Pimple Lotion, given to Cathleen Doris in these columns, to pimples several times a day.

Mrs. Willful, Jessie, Doubtful, Eager to Try, Mrs. T. and others.—It is said that the remedies you mention will finally remove hair. It would take probably a year, using remedies every day. It is best to hold the nose when rubbing in the aqua ammonia as the fumes are irritating to the lining of the nose and mouth. Don't use the aqua ammonia on the face if your skin is at all sensitive, and be sure it is aqua or toilet ammonia, not household ammonia. The hair is not supposed to come back.

G. P. D.—See reply to Mrs. Lover of COMFORT. I wish you had sent me a picture as I always like to see who I am talking to. It makes it more interesting. I think your measurements and weight splendid. I do not give home remedies for removal of moles. Moles, if meddled with ignorantly, are very apt to leave a cancerous growth behind and you know you wouldn't like that. Better leave well enough alone, unless you can have moles removed by the electric needle. Write in again.

May.—You are too thin. You should weigh about one hundred and fifty-five pounds. Your bust weighs, however, is very good. You should eat plenty of potatoes, cream soups, sweets and vegetables if you want to gain. Don't exercise too much and sleep eight or nine hours at least, if at all possible. No, do not use the bay rum on the face, as it will make hair grow. See my reply to Troubled Girl. I am giving

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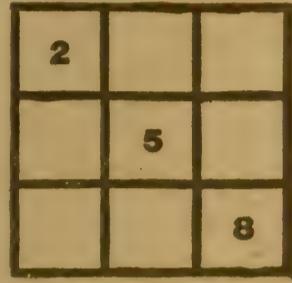
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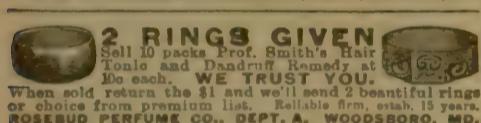
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"Well, good night, sir," said John cordially, as he turned to descend the steps. Joshua raised his hand with the lordly, pompous gesture characteristic of him. "Ha—one moment Mr. Strong. I neglected to mention that I shall be absent tomorrow and Wednesday. My niece, Miss Norah graduates. I shall attend the graduation and subsequent exercises. I am informed that my niece—ha—has captured most of the honors, in short is foremost of her class. She is—ha—much admired and envied by all."

"You have cause to be very proud of her," said the young man.

The old man stood very stiff and straight. His chest well expanded, his well-kept hand toying with his diamond-studded watch fob.

"Mr. Strong," he said complacently, "My niece is a Worth, a true Worth! There is every reason to expect that she will be a credit to even that name."

The young man was permitted to take his departure. As he walked through the deserted country road down to the village, there was in his kindly brown eyes an amused twinkle, but the complacent arrogant old man continued to smoke his Havana, planning Nora's future for her, and casting about in his mind for a suitable and rich husband.

The girl came a week later. John Strong knew, the moment he caught sight of the quizzical gray eyes and the dimples, that it was all up with him. As for the girl she was clever as well as pretty. She knew a thing or two, and it didn't take her long to discover that John Strong was miles and miles above the other young men of her acquaintance. Not only was he a true gentleman, but there was a rare gentleness in his manner to everybody, but perhaps particularly to Norah. He had traveled much and read more, and even Joshua had to admit though grudgingly, that the young man could make himself vastly amusing and entertaining. Yet in spite of this, and the fact that the young couple were a good deal together, the blind old fellow never scented the approach of the little god. He failed to remember the old adage that propinquity is a wonderful match maker. If he had been less intent upon his stocks and bonds, and the accumulation of more and more wealth, he must have noted the sweet intimacy which day by day increased between them, and the bright tender glances exchanged.

Two months passed. One summer afternoon the young couple were seated together upon the porch. They were talking in low tones, for the old gentleman was inside taking his daily nap. They had been walking, and the girl sat fanning her flushed face with her hat. Overhanging in the branches the birds twittered and chirped. The sun filtered down through the trembling leaves and cast dancing shadows on the girl's soft hair and in her gray eyes. John leaned forward and took her hand, "Oh, Norah," he said tenderly, "Isn't it wonderful? Everything! The beautiful country, the sky, the birds, the sunshine, and—our love! Dear I can't give you all that you are accustomed to, not for a while, but I have two clear hands to work for you, a strong heart to love you. Norah, money doesn't give happiness, you know that, don't you? Love does, and I love you."

As the girl lifted her eyes to his, with a happy smile, Joshua Worth came from the library. His face was pale, his heavy brows drawn together in a black frown.

"Norah," he said as he passed his niece, "you go to your room, I'll—ha—settle with this fellow."

Norah kept her seat, dumfounded by her uncle's manner. The old man confronted the young secretary. "How long has this been going on?" he demanded harshly.

"What do you mean, sir?" asked the young man.

"I mean this insane love making! this—ha—puppy-love!" cried Joshua furiously. "I heard a portion of it just now from the library, enough

"Uncle!" cried Norah beseechingly.

"Hold your tongue, Norah, leave us!" commanded her uncle.

But the girl kept her seat, while the young secretary rose and faced his master, "If you mean my love for Miss Worth," he said gently, "it has been 'going on' ever since I first met her." He gave Norah an encouraging look and continued, "Mr. Worth, there has been no secrecy about this, I was even sure that you saw it. I love Norah honestly and very dearly, and thank God, my love is returned!"

This was too much for Joshua Worth, his face grew white with fury, "And pray," he cried, "who are you to aspire to Norah Worth, my niece? You young upstart! Shall I tell you what you are? Oh, I know your kind! You are an adventurer, you young beggar! Norah Worth for you stands simply for dollars and cents!"

Norah sprang to her feet, and for once the old man had an exhibition of the Worth pride and temper! It flashed from her angry eyes, it was in every curve of the dainty little figure, as she stood there with blazing cheeks to champion the man she loved.

"Uncle Joshua," she cried, "how dare you speak that way to the truest gentleman that ever lived, to—the man I love!"

Norah started back, gazing at his niece as if he thought she had lost her wits, "Well," he presently remarked, "—ha—well! Norah, you go to your room, you're excited over all this, you leave me to settle—"

"No!" cried the girl. "I will not! Uncle Joshua I have heard you with shame! Yes, I am deadly, deadly ashamed of you, for your money has spoiled you. John is poor, but he is richer than any Worth that ever lived! Richer in mind, richer in heart, richer in gentleness and true manliness. He is far, far richer than you Joshua Worth, though you are the millionaire, and he the beggar! Though you are the master, and he is the man!"

Then the girl sank to the seat, and covering her face burst into tears. There was a long pause, then Joshua, bitterly humiliated and disappointed, but more stubborn than ever, went and stood over the girl.

"Norah Worth," he said, "take heed to what I say! I will never give my consent to marrying this—ha—fellow, never. He leaves my house tonight. I'll give—ha—his kind a lesson!" As for you, you give him up at once and forever, or you leave the house with him. And remember, both of you, not one cent of the Worth millions, goes to the wife of John Strong!—Norah, don't be a fool, think!—I am a very rich man, I—ha—have loved you. Think this well over and come to me in a half hour." He turned to the young secretary, "I trust, young man, that you will be expeditious in making your preparations. Your check will be ready whenever you are."

The old man turned and walked into the library. The girl still sat with her face buried in her hands crying. For a few minutes the young secretary paced the porch deep in thought, then he went to the girl, and gently drew her hands from her face and held them while he spoke. "Norah, darling, brave little champion, I hold my peace, because he was an old man,—and your uncle. Are you quite, quite sure that you love me more than Uncle Joshua and his millions?"

"Oh, John," she cried, "do you need to ask me that?"

"Why then," cried John, suddenly breaking into happy laughter, "let's elope! Now! Tonight! I am not quite a 'beggar,' for I have a few thousands saved. Norah hasn't the old man forced this upon us? It's an enforced elopement. He'll be sorry some day, for he really loves you. As for me, Norah say yes, and make me the happiest fellow on earth."

Half an hour passed, an hour dinner grew cold waiting for the old man who sat like a statue in his big armchair. Finally he leaned forward and touched the electric button. A servant appeared.

"Mary," said Joshua, "find out whether Mr. Strong is still in his room."

The servant disappeared, and presently returned, "Mr. Strong's room is vacant, sir."

"Go," said Joshua, "and tell Miss Norah to come to me."

Mary went, and after a moment returned.

"Miss Norah's room is also vacant, sir."

The old man's face turned ashen. "Very well, this is that, is all."

He buried his face in his hands, lonely, forlorn old curmudgeon, and swallowed his bitter pill.

It was a week before he heard from them, then came a special delivery from Norah.

"Dear, bad Uncle," she wrote. "John and I were married the night we left you. We have been staying at John's sister's little place in Briarwood, lovely! Dear Uncle, I'm so content and happy that I've forgiven you all. As for you very lonely, and very sorry, we'll come back."

"As ever, NORAH."

"P. S. Hurry and answer by tomorrow night, as John has been offered a position with Senator Steel."

The old man angrily threw down the letter, "Impertinent little minx," he said. He quarreled with everything all day, the young men in the office, the servants at home, his food, himself. He spent a sleepless night, tossing from side to side, fighting with himself not to yield. In the end he was vanquished! The lonely week had taught him a lesson. The house was cheerful and forlorn. He loved his niece after his own fashion, and though he hated to admit it, he had learned to love the gentle, thoughtful young secretary, who was his helper and counselor, and absolutely essential to his comfort.

When at last morning came, the old man arose and went to his desk. With a hand that was unsteady he wrote "Come home." And they came home, and Joshua, to prove to Norah that she was forgiven, slipped into her little hand a truly munificent wedding present in the way of a check. Norah to prove to her uncle that he was forgiven, kissed him heartily and accepted the check.

Veterinary Information

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TETANUS.—Do bogs cause death of a horse? How would affected animal act? Any remedy? Ten-year-old horse in good condition fed timothy hay and oats. Became lame and stiff all over. Walked with legs spread, staggered, backed into corner and slightly raised and lowered hind legs. Got down, died in three days. No cough. Passages appeared normal. C. W. G.

A.—Botts do not cause death; in fact they do little if any harm in the horse's stomach. The horse in question no doubt died from an acute attack of tetanus from a wound, or cerebro-spinal meningitis from forage poisoning. It is unlikely that in either case the animal could have been saved by treatment.

DEATH OF COW.—I had a fine cow in good condition but not fat, giving about one gallon of milk at a milking. Would have been fresh in April. She seemed all right at dark, ate heartily and died before morning. She had been running in a stalk field for some time. There was water in the pasture and she had salt. The cow was swollen a good deal. There was a small bruise on her shoulder, and one on the hip, as though she had staggered against the barn. Mrs. V. M.

A.—A post-mortem examination should have been made to determine cause of death. The cow may have choked; or she may have died of "corn stalk disease" (forage poisoning); or possibly it was anthrax. There is no way in which we at a distance could decide the matter.

ATROPHY.—I have a horse nine years old that has been lame in his left hip about four months; it seems to be shrinking away. B. B. B.

A.—Rub the affected muscles once daily with a mixture of one ounce each of turpentine and aqua ammonia and four ounces of druggist's soap liniment with water to make one pint. Shake well before using. When the skin becomes somewhat sore stop using liniment for some days, but repeat later if necessary. If liniment does no good a smart blister will have to be applied to the wasted parts, if that is proved to be the true seat of the lameness.

HORSES.—I have a team of horses four and five years old that looked good all summer. Last fall they began to get poor and the hair was rough. I feed bright oats, straw and about twelve ears of corn each to a meal. Always keep the barn clean and fresh bedding every night. J. D.

A.—Worms no doubt are present. Add oats and bran to the ration and if possible allow some first-class hay in addition to straw. For worms mix in feed night and morning for one week a tablespoonful of a mixture of two parts salt and one part each of dried sulphate of iron and flowers of sulphur; then skip ten days and repeat.

CHORES.—I have a dog five years old. He has spells that he draws up and his shoulder quivers as if it pained him and when he lies down he will whine as if it hurt bad. It seems to be in his right shoulder. F. H. B.

A.—The dog has chores (St. Vitus dance) which is practically incurable. He may do better if you rid him of worms. See answers on that subject in this or recent back numbers of the paper. Worm medicine for dogs may be bought at any drug-store.

COLIC.—We lost a horse twelve years old, one month ago. He got out early in the morning. There was frost on the clover he grazed, then he drank water from stream. At noon colic developed. At night at eight o'clock he died. MRS. C. E. S.

A.—Colic is preventable, but often proves fatal. One has to see that causes such as you mention are prevented. It is likely that the stomach became bloated and such cases prove fatal unless treated by an expert.

SORES.—(1) I have a cow nearly four years old. Last summer she was taken violently ill, bloated and had great pain. We called a veterinarian and she seemingly recovered. Now sores, long and raw and somewhat raised like low warts have appeared on neck and thigh. Pasture where we keep her is

Drunkards

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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My books and magazines are my friends and my spare moments are spent reading good papers like COMFORT.

I am the lucky mother of five sweet children, three boys and two girls. I also have two darling boys in spirit life. I have been married thirteen years and have the dearest husband on earth. We have had lots of trouble and trials to meet, but we are still sweethearts.

The women of Washington can vote now, and we intend to show the men that we know how to use the ballot wisely. We feel that our husbands, sons and brothers have tried to show their deep respect for us by granting us the right to vote, and we as wives, mothers and sisters will prove to them that we appreciate the right.

How many sisters know that pure yellow vaseline is the best remedy for colds? It is also good for cuts and burns.

For a teething baby that is restless and feverish, feed a small cup of sage tea daily. Catnip tea is also good.

For boils or gatherings apply warm flaxseed poultices.

These are favorite remedies of mine, and they have never failed me.

Now just a word or two about myself. I am five feet four inches tall, weigh one hundred and eighteen pounds, have brown hair and eyes. I will be thirty-one years old the 14th of February.

MRS. STELLA M. WILSON, Mukilteo, Washington.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I would like to greet all the sisters through our interesting corner. I have taken COMFORT for only one year, but now I hope to keep it always.

What a world of beauty, true love and sympathy is opened up to me each month as I read the Sisters' letters! And what high ideals of noble motherhood! I am sure this influence is felt by us all and indeed the good work of COMFORT extends from cover to cover.

I like a description of the sisters so I can form a mental picture of them and will describe myself. I have brown hair and blue eyes, weigh about one hundred and a little over five feet tall. My age is thirty-one and married three years, so you will see that the right one was a long time coming.

My husband is kind and jolly and we are happy, although we possess very little of this world's goods. We have no children but hope to adopt one or two as soon as we are in a position to do so. I think while one is young there is much in the world to interest us, but as we grow older it is the home ties, which count and lonely indeed must be the old person without them. I admire most those mothers who remain young with their children and carry some of their exuberance of spirits. Too many of our good mothers tried to put old heads on young shoulders. Under such training, I feel sure that the brightest and best in a child cannot fully develop. And only the early companionship between mother and child can result in close and dear comradeship in later years. I would like to shake hands with dear Mrs. M. J. Misner, who is seventy years young instead of seventy years old. May we all grow like her. I also greatly

admire the work of Mrs. B. Newell who is undertaking the education of her five children in addition to caring for them.

My heart goes out in sympathy with all the shut-ins. We who enjoy comparatively good health and comfort can hardly realize the tragedy of these lives. I help a little whenever I can, but it seems like a drop in the bucket, yet I would not hold back on that account, for if everyone added a drop, the buckets would surely fill up for all. Dear sisters I hope you will share my idea. So many of our sorrows and troubles come to us in a way we cannot understand and in regard to these, I read some beautiful and comforting lines in a hymn book, which I would like to repeat here:

"Some fair tomorrow we shall know
All of life's mysteries which hurt us so,
And our burdens shall furnish us wings
To lift us o'er all earthly things."

So many of the shut-ins write of suffering with that dread disease, rheumatism, which holds so many persons in its grip for years. I would like to say that my sister cured her attack by giving up meat entirely for several months, and living mostly on vegetables. Good health is surely the greatest blessing which can come to us. Such I enjoy most of the time, but for the last five years I have suffered an attack of hay fever every summer, each year the attack growing more severe. I have tried a great number of things, none of which have helped. Will those of the sisters who know of anything that cures or relieves hay fever please write me? If any sister knows of a

cure through Osteopathy will she please also write me? I hope all the sisters love housework and cooking as well as I do. I like to have the kitchen as neat and attractive as any other room. Work in pleasant surroundings cannot help but be a pleasure. I have prepared a still unused blank book for all the good recipes and helpful hints which I find in COMFORT. A part of it will also contain remedies for the sick.

I find myself very possessive at times, as I am far away from my family and friends. I think the best one can do, is to keep busy. I always have plenty of reading matter on hand and embroidery work, and I also sketch and paint a little. At times the days do not seem long enough for me. I think Mrs. A. C. Cutler's "Art of Making Our Favorite Household Hobbies," a splendid and instructive one, so I am going to take it up. I have read many beautiful and enjoyable books, but among them I have just recently finished "The Glass" by George Eliot and "The Silver Gentleman," by Mrs. Mulock. "Gambier" is one of my favorite authors. "Aida" is the first novel I ever read and I believe this book is dear to the heart of every woman who has read it.

I am afraid my letter is getting too lengthy, but would like to add a little description of this winter at the springs where we are spending the winter. Hot Springs is nestled among mountains and the scenery is very beautiful. Some nice mountain paths are laid out for mountain climbing. The tourist season opens in January and lasts three months. One sees many sick and crippled people who come here for the baths. The government has erected a bath-house here,

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SPLENDID PRIZES ALL FREE

I have given away over \$500,000 (half a million dollars) in prizes during the last few years. I have given 209,454 different women dinner sets and other premiums. This magnificent old rose and gold dinner set, lace curtains, glass set, lamp and rug are now all offered free as one premium to the readers of this paper.

On this liberal offer you will get not one but all of these elegant prizes. Also everyone will get a prize JUST FOR TRYING. You cannot lose a minute by trying for these prizes, as I will give you one prize anyway, just for investigating this wonderful offer in good faith.

Send the coupon today. Just think of all these beautiful and useful gifts, which are all free.

FIRST. Our magnificent dinner set is a product of one of the finest potteries in the world, the old rose and gold leaf design having become famous in aristocratic homes. The designs are made entirely by the decalcomania process, and never before have you seen anywhere a more beautiful dinner set; thirty-one pieces, all full size.

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THIRD. Fire polished white rock crystal water set, consisting of two quart fire polished tumbler and six full-size tumblers. The glass glistens brilliant and clear like a diamond, being the genuine rock crystal glass.

FOURTH. Handy night lamp with green shade and Venetian decorations; the kind of a lamp that you can keep burning all night without odor; extremely economical on fuel.

FIFTH. Oriental pattern rug, brightly but harmoniously colored. Extra fine for a connecting rug between two parlors or parlor and dining room.

A MAYOR'S WIFE ENDORSEMENT

Ripley, Ohio, Sept. 3, 1910.

Mr. W. G. DAVIS, Supt., Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Davis:

Thanks for your premiums; they are beautiful. The dishes, lace curtains, the rug, the seven piece glass set and the night lamp exceed my expectations.

Good wishes for you and your good Company.

MRS. L. VERN WILLIAMS.

Mrs. Williams is the wife of the Hon. L. Vern Williams, present Mayor of Ripley, Ohio. Cultured and refined people everywhere appreciate our beautiful premiums and our offer. We have hundreds of similar letters from the wives of judges, chiefs of police, aldermen and other prominent people.

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It is so easy,
so very easy,
to get all these
prizes free,

For I am interested in a special introductory offer which I want you to explain to your neighbors. No ordinary picture to distribute—no—but I have a special introductory offer and in connection with SOMETHIN' ELSE I allow you to RE-GIVE to those you see a new style, beautiful gold embossed picture free. Remember: These pictures are new—different from pictures you have seen, richer and more elegant in every way. They are gold embossed. Now you know what gold embossed postal cards are; then imagine a picture 16x20 gold embossed and also in ten other colors. Those are the pictures I want you to give away IN CONNECTION with another offer which everyone will be only too glad to get when you tell them about it. It's this SOMETHIN' ELSE that will make it so very, very easy to interest everybody to whom you will say a word. It will be a very, very simple matter for you to give away twenty-four of these gold embossed pictures on a special 25 cent offer. I will send you twenty-four of these gold embossed pictures on trust, prepaid, without one cent of money. Then, you distribute 24 pictures on my special easy plan. Then all the prizes are yours free. But if for any reason you fail to distribute all 24 pictures, I'll see you get at least one or two or three beautiful prizes anyway.

TWO EXTRA PICTURES FREE!

free to YOU to keep. Two of these new-style, beautiful gold embossed pictures are free to everybody who answers the advertisement the first time he or she reads it. These two extra pictures are free to you just for trying. Two extra prizes free right now. So better send your name and address without delay. TODAY.

W. G. DAVIS
Supt. Dept. 816, 107 South Clinton Street, Chicago



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Address _____



Six Wheel Chairs in February

81 is COMFORT'S Total to Date

That's good. Now keep it up. We sent out six wheel chairs in January; again we give six more in February, and we must not drop behind in March. The Wheel-Chair Club has established a new record for the first two months of 1911, and I beg of you in behalf of the most unfortunate and pitiable class of suffering humanity to increase your own efforts and to interest others and enlist their aid in support of this noble charity which is accomplishing such splendid results.

The six shut-ins who get these February chairs are Miss Allie Cureton, 220 White St., Rock Hill, S. C.; Miss Kitora Lindsey, Star, Va.; Mrs. John Carr, Macon City, Miss.; Maggie L. Hamblen, Rogersville, Tenn.; James Manning, 7849 Hall St., St. Louis, Mo.; Miss Sadie McKinney, Anderson, Ind.

All six have been great sufferers for a long time and are worthy objects of your charity. As it would take too much space to state the details about all of them I will briefly describe the pitiful condition of four that you may get an idea of how much good you are doing. Sadie McKinney, age 43 years, has been afflicted with a severe form of rheumatism since she was 12 years old and now cannot help herself at all; she weighs only seventy-five pounds. Mrs. John Carr is a hopeless, helpless cripple stricken with locomotor ataxia and has not walked a step for five years. Lives on a farm remote from neighbors; has four children at home, the youngest only six years old; she cannot raise herself in bed, and her husband has to dress and lift her when she feels able to sit up in her rocking-chair; the family is very poor and has a hard time of it all round. Consider what a blessing you have conferred on this poor soul by providing her a wheel chair in which her children can wheel her about the house and in the open air while her husband is at work.

Allie Cureton has been a cripple more than 25 years, and James Manning, age 67, has been a cripple all his life, entirely helpless, poor and dependent on a brother and sister who are poor.

To be exact, we did not quite earn the six February chairs, but as we lacked only 52 subscriptions of the requisite number I sent the six chairs in February and rely on the friends of the shut-ins to make up this small deficit besides the 1200 subscriptions necessary to give six wheel chairs in March.

Again we are proud of our splendid Roll of Honor consisting of 73 names with individual lists running from 5 to 71 subscriptions.

You have my heart-felt thanks, everyone of you that has sent a subscription for the Wheel-Chair Club, for everyone counts and the Club needs the help of all. Do your best for the shut-ins each and every month; send one subscription anyhow and more if you can, but don't hang back or give up trying just because you think you can't get enough to have your name in the Roll of Honor.

But my thanks are as nothing compared with gratitude so touchingly expressed in the following letters from recent recipients of COMFORT wheel chairs.

W. H. GANNETT, Publisher of COMFORT.

P. S. For the information of our many new subscribers let me explain that for each and every 200 new 15 months subscriptions to COMFORT sent in either singly or in clubs by persons who direct that they are to be credited to COMFORT'S WHEEL CHAIR CLUB instead of claiming the premiums to which they would be entitled, I am a FIRST-CLASS INVALID WHEEL CHAIR to some worth, destitute, crippled Shut-in and pay the freight, too. It is a large and expensive premium for me to give for that number of subscribers, but I am always glad to do my part a little faster each month than you do yours.

Subscription price is 25 cents, but it costs in clubs of five or more for the Wheel-Chair Club, I accept them at 20 cents each.

The COMFORT Sisters Helped

COTTAGE GROVE, R. B. 10, TENN.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE AND COMFORT SISTERS: I cannot express in words my deep gratitude and thanks to you all for my lovely wheel chair. I can only praise God for giving me such kind and generous friends. I thank you all for your help and assistance, and may God's richest blessing rest upon all those who have had a hand in contributing to my happiness. I wish to thank all you good sisters for your kind and cheery letters. I have answered as many as I was able to. My chair is, oh, so nice, and I shall, ever love and remember in my prayers all who helped to get it for me. God bless you all. Your grateful friend, MARTHA B. MCILROY.

Sat in One Place for 25 Years

PARMA, IDAHO.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE: I received my lovely wheel chair January 9th, and am more than pleased with it. I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your great kindness to me. I have been compelled to sit in one place for twenty-five long years. I could only leave that spot when someone would move me around. Now I can wheel myself around and pass those once solitary hours in comparative comfort. God bless you all. With all good wishes and many thanks, I remain, Your grateful friend, JACOB DEVAULT.

None but a Shut-In Can Appreciate the Blessing of a Wheel Chair

STANLEY, N. C.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE: I have received the beautiful wheel chair, and cannot find words strong enough to express my gratitude. I can now roll in my wheel chair out in the sunlight and hear the birds sing. No one but a shut-in appreciates what it means to move from place to place without assistance. I owe a debt of gratitude to all for this beautiful gift.

With love to you all, I am, gratefully, your invalid friend,

JOB BARKER.

The Roll of Honor comprises the names of those who have sent five or more subscriptions to credit of the Wheel-Chair Club during the month previous. Following each name is the number of subscriptions sent.

COMFORT'S Roll of Honor

Mrs. Lizzie Davis, Mo., 71; Mrs. M. I. Tolbert, Tex., 12; G. C. Gray, Ark., 28; Tillie Johnson, Wash., 27; Miss A. Johnson, Mich., 18; Altha Irving, Ill., 5; Mrs. Sarah Carney, Cal., 5; Mrs. H. Kampmeyer, Iowa, 5; Pauline Glenn, Ala., 15; Mrs. Pearl Graham, Ry., 8; Mrs. L. W. Bellis, Mo., 5; Charles Rankin, Mass., 12; Mrs. Minnie Pfeiffer, N. Y., 5; Miss Mary Heaton, Mass., 7; Mrs. G. Wheaten, Del., 8; Mrs. William Shaffer, N. Y., 5; Mrs. C. J. Pattie, Miss., 5; Mrs. Schaeffer, N. Y., 5; Miss Nellie Arthur, W. Va., 10; Mrs. Dr. J. M. Moffett, Mo., 6; Mrs. M. Norton, Cal., 6; John E. Haskell, Ind., 5; Mrs. F. B. Ligon, Ark., 5; Eva Robnett, Idaho, 5; Mrs. Levi J. Hill, Pa., 5; No Name, Ohio, 5; Martha McGroarty, Tenn., 5; Miss Trotter, Tex., 5; Mrs. Madie Cooper, Fla., 12; Mrs. McArthur, N. Y., 5; Mrs. M. F. Ingerson, Col., 12; May Street, Ark., 5; Miss Anna Anderson, Wash., 5; Mrs. R. E. Stith, Cal., 5; Mary Hanson, Mich., 5; Mrs. Mary Saunders, Pa., 6; Mrs. Sam McCord, Ga., 9; Mrs. Anges Apple, Ohio, 8; Mrs. Rose W. Jones, Va., 5; Mrs. Eliza Spurlock, Ark., 5; Mrs. Maggie Hamilton, Pa., 16; Anna B. Bonner, Tex., 23; Miss Faerie Walker, Tenn., 6; Lucy D. Brooks, Wash., 5; Mrs. Amer Trotter, Tex., 5; Mrs. Madie Cooper, Fla., 12; Mrs. McArthur, N. Y., 5; Mrs. L. Ross, Neb., 9; Mr. W. W. Olson, Brownwood, Tex., 6; Mrs. Anna Russell, Okla., 5; Mrs. J. W. Lee, Mo., 8; Mrs. E. B. Stone, Ala., 5; Alice Huffman, Okla., 5; Mrs. S. L. Swain, Tex., 6; Mrs. Maggie Henderson, Ga., 6; Mrs. Clinton Ely, Neb., 5; Miss Reba E. Hadon, Va., 6; Mrs. Alex Collins, S. Dak., 5; Nettie Bates, Maine, 9; Mrs. Edith Kinneith, Mich., 5; Violet G. Newcomer, Pa., 5; Emma Harris, Neb., 5; Mrs. F. S. Warrick, Ill., 5; May Sharp, Ark., 5; Mrs. R. Burdette, Ohio, 5; Mrs. B. D. Stephenson, Neb., 5; Mrs. Lizzie Davis, Mo., 11; Jonathan Vandaceuse, Ind., 5; Mrs. J. W. Hancock, Tenn., 11; Chloe Britton, Ohio, 5; Mrs. J. R. Monical, Ill., 6.



Manners and Looks

"Virtue itself offends when coupled with forbidding manners."—Bishop Middleton.

In order to meet the demand for information made by COMFORT readers on the kindred subjects of Etiquette and Personal Appearance, this column will be devoted to them, and all questions will be answered, but no inquirer shall ask more than two questions each month. We would suggest to readers to cut this column out and paste it in a scrap book. Address letters to Etiquette Editor, COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Illinois K.M., Sparkville, Ill.—As here is a chance that the last letter you wrote did not reach her, write again to her home address. If you get no answer, let me go at that and find another girl. (2) If you are so dull that you don't know what a girl means when she tells you she thinks you know how to "spark," and then ducks her head and won't look at you, we shall not tell you; just as the girl will not say, Kid, do you have a map and a diagram? What's the matter with you? Wake up!

Anxious Love, Langham, Sask., Can.—Etiquette especially forbids a girl loving more than one man at a time. You confess to loving two. Drop both and study up on the etiquette of love for a year and a half.

Lily Myrtle, Oak Point, Manitoba.—You did just what every girl should do in declining the attentions of a man whom you had never met. It's a pity all girls haven't the good sense and the delicacy of feeling that you have in this matter. (2) Don't say anything about the tip that has been left for you by the hotel patron. You may thank a patron for a tip if he gives it to you direct, but if he leaves it on the table, say nothing about it. It's a pity the hotel people don't pay you wages enough so you will not have to accept favors like a beggar from hotel patrons who already pay the price of the house.

A. L. E., Cumberland, Wyo.—We don't know just what "night hawking" is, but it does not sound respectable to us, for a girl to be doing it, and we most certainly advise you not to go on any such expedition. Still, it may not be anything worse than a sleighing party. (2) Address a letter to Cousin Marion as you do to the Etiquette Editor, only put her name instead of the Etiquette Editor. Send a subscription along unless you are already a subscriber.

Rare beauty, Langham, Saskatchewan.—Etiquette does not say that you should pray for your absent sweethearts who does not know how fondly you love him, but we suppose it will be all right to do so. First off, though, don't you think he ought to know that he is being prayed for? Seems to us, that you should eat the young men out for a while and gather up a little general information.

Brunette, Detroit, Minn.—While you are worrying about the way the young man is neglecting you, what do you suppose he is doing? Do you suppose he cares? Then why should you? Why don't you think as little of him as he does of you? Keep the ring if it is a pretty one, and treat it just as you would treat a glove button if he had given you that, or any other present. You stop worrying and let him worry—if he will.

Anxious Hazel, Ausable Forks, N. Y.—Don't have your photograph taken with your "gentleman friend." It is not nice for a girl to do that, because who knows what the man will do with the picture? Pictures in groups of three or four or more are all right, but not the two-woman kind. (2) As to corresponding when separated you may do as you please about that, but don't write love letters.

Rosebud, Albany, Maine.—Certainly in a dance of "ladies' choice" a lady may ask a man whom she has met for the first time that evening. Why shouldn't she?

Snowdrop, New London, Ind.—Any dressmaker in New London can tell you more satisfactorily than we can how to make a sailor dress for a girl of seventeen. If it is the right kind of a sailor dress it sure won't be a hobble-skirt, for a sailor's dress isn't made that way.

Auto Driver, Butte City, Mont.—The girl not only does not love you, but she despises you so that she wants to make you look like a fool to all your acquaintances. Her mother is worse than she is and you would never know a happy moment if you married her. How can you love her honestly as you do is beyond our comprehension, but love is a strange thing in what it makes otherwise sensible people do. You are a decent, honest fellow, and a good worker and you deserve a fine woman for a wife. This one is just the kind you should not have. If you will take our advice you will tell the mother and the girl what kind of women you have found out they are, and never speak to them again. You'll be sorry enough if you let your heart control your head in this matter.

Cow Girl, Eden, Texas.—You know a young fellow in a bit shy about coming right out and asking a girl to be his wife, even though he gives her a ring and tells her he thinks more of her than anybody in all the world. Don't be too anxious. He is twenty-two and you nineteen and you should wait at least a year. By that time he will speak right out in meeting and you will have him for all time. Show him this answer and see what he will do.

C. K., Clifton, Ill.—Don't let your anxiety to have him call spoil it all. Etiquette gives the lady the privilege to ask the man to call and you may ask him with perfect propriety, but not formally as you would invite him to a party, but merely as an incident to a meeting at some friend's or elsewhere, where you might have a little talk together.

E. B. R., Hot Springs, Ark.—Parents have a right to open the letters of their minor children but we do not think it is very good manners for them to do so and we feel pretty sure they wouldn't if the children were entirely above suspicion. Some children, you know, have a way of trying to deceive their parents, especially in this matter of correspondence.

Without Hope, Dodge Center, Minn.—The parents of a "young lady of sixteen" frequently have cause to be strict with her in the matter of the young men she wants hanging around her and we shall not suggest to you any means by which you can bring them around to your way of thinking. It is for you to conform to their way of thinking. When you are older you will be glad enough that they were particular with you, that is, if you are the right kind of a girl.

Old Subscriber, Chatham, Va.—We have never yet seen a rule of etiquette which requires an engaged girl not to wear her engagement ring while she was wearing mourning. She may wear other rings as well, but there should be no loud display of jewelry as well, in mourning, nor at any other time, for that matter, if she is a young woman of good taste.

Red Rose, Arlington, Tenn.—Etiquette does not forbid the exchange of rings between a young man and a girl who are fond enough of each other to wear each other's rings. Nor does it forbid her to let him wear her ring, even if she isn't wearing his. It is a custom much in vogue among young people of all classes except the ultra fashionables who think it is quite "vulgar, doncher know?" (2) It is proper to ask the young man to call on the young lady though she may have met him but once. Some ladies think the men should ask if they may call, but in our opinion the true form is for the lady to invite the man to call.

Golden Hair, Washington, D. C.—Say anything you please that is pleasant to the person introduced who says he is pleased to meet you. (2) What was the "answer to Reader, Big Rock, Va., in last month's COMFORT?" We haven't time to go back hunting answers to correspondents for other correspondents who are too lymphatic to write the answer they want to know about. If you don't know what lymphatic means, don't ask us. Look it up in the dictionary.

Klonlike, Mangum, Texas.—We think it would be nice for you to learn how to write a letter, including spelling, capitalization, syntax, prosody and so forth before choosing either one of the two young men who want you for a wife. Possibly it may be necessary for you to teach one of them. You shore couldn't do it now.

W. H. T., Lore Point, Md.—A minor can own real estate in his own name. (2) An engagement ring may be given as soon as the engagement is made, or at the pleasure of the parties at interest. Engagement rings are usually worn some time before the formal announcement is made. (3) When a man from one city visits a lady in another he may stay at her house if her family extends an invitation for him to do so. We think it is preferable to stop at a hotel as he has greater freedom. However, he may do as he pleases. A young man earning seventy-five dollars a month might give up one third of his monthly salary for an engagement ring, if he hasn't saved anything out of it. If he has been thrifty and has a nice little bank account he may spend more. Don't be extravagant, though, in buying an engagement ring, unless you can get a diamond at a bargain. Engagement rings have been known later to bring in loans which have been very useful indeed, and more than paid for themselves. It would not be proper for a man to take his fiancee with him on a vacation trip of several days unless her chaperon went along, and then it would be most unconventional.

Rainbow, Pomeroy, Wash.—If your parents permit your fourteen-year-old sister to have beau, we think they should allow you the same privilege, being four years her senior. Maybe, though, you are not as reliable as she is. In any event etiquette and ethics will best be conserved by obeying your parents until you marry and your husband becomes responsible for you.

Farm Girl, Clinton, Wyo.—It is quite proper to give your best young man a birthday present and the most suitable is something that he wants. Find out what it is. There are many little things ties, handkerchiefs, scarf pins, that a man always wants.

M. A. P., Polka, Ind.—There is no rule by which you can win back the lost affection of your husband, and sometimes it can never be won back. Let him be polite to other women, but if he gives others all his attention and neglects you, and you can do nothing to hold him to his marriage promise, then you should have some understanding with him and arrange your lives accordingly. These affairs can only be properly managed by those nearest at interest. Outsiders can't do much until you have your troubles to court.

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Miss D. P. A., Pelican Rapids, Minn.—The trouble with you is late hours and too much good time which is ruining your digestion and will in time ruin your health permanently. Cut it all out Miss, and go on a diet of plain food taken at regular times and go to bed early every night. You are not strong enough to stand the pace you are going and nature is fairly shrieking at you to stop. You don't need medicine, you only need regular meals of good digestible food and plenty of rest in bed. You'll be sorry if you don't take them now.

T. C., Gaith, Colo.—If one living in Colorado has catarrh, we should suggest that the climate of Arizona be tried. Primarily dry air is the cure for catarrh, and in some cases either hot or cold is effective. Again, in some the cold air will do, while in others should be tried. The human body, however, cuts queer capers sometimes, and it might be that you could bring your Colorado catarrh to the raw, damp air of New England, which is probably catarrh, and find a cure there for it.

Mrs. D. B., Plainfield, Wis.—Chilblains are due as much to deficient vital power as to cold, and you should not treat them as mere local trouble. The chilblain itself should be treated with some soothing ointment first and later with a stimulating liniment and then covered with zinc ointment and cotton wool. Of more importance is to eat plenty of nourishing food and take a tonic to help restore the system to normal. By these remarks you will understand that you should have a physician prescribe for you who can examine your condition. They will become worse as you grow older if you don't look after them now.

P. J. Roe, Ark.—Red blotches on the skin are due to so many causes that we are unable to guess why you have them, and therefore can't well tell you what to do. We would suggest washing your forehead with green soap and warm water two or three times a day and gently massaging the skin at frequent intervals to improve the circulation and keep the blood from congealing. (2) The itching may be relieved by ice cold water applications. Wash well every night before going to bed with Castile soap, allowing it to dry in. Water and lemon juice, or vinegar or spirits of camphor will allay the irritation also. Regulate your diet carefully and drink no alcoholic liquors.

D. E. G., Eastman, Ga.—The opium habit is not to be cured by ordinary means, and by no means except by the exercise of all the will power you have in conjunction with any treatment. You have not used the drug long enough to make yours a very serious case and we advise you to break the habit at once and under a physician's direction. Unless you do, all the artificial strength it gives you now will be dissipated and you will become either a criminal or a dooming idiot. Have a talk at once with some good physician and follow his instructions to the letter, using at the same time, all your will power to resist the temptation. We are surprised at your ignorance of the danger of this dreadful drug.

Mrs. M. F. W., Kamiah, Idaho.—If the dark veins cause you no trouble except the looks, better not do anything. If you wish, place yourself on a milk diet, drinking much water between meals and taking no coffee or rich food of any kind. Rice and fruit and vegetables may be eaten freely, and only lean meat and not much of that. If the dark blood gives you trouble, see a doctor.

T. A. C., New York, N. Y.—For cold hands and feet massage them thoroughly night and morning to establish a good circulation and bathe your feet night and morning in hot water, finishing with it as cold as you can bear. You can get at your druggist's any one of a dozen tonics with iron in them. Tell him what you want.

Mrs. S. H. S., Pompano, Fla.—Osteopaths have their offices in a great many places and you may have one in your town. If not, you will have to make inquiries and find out where the nearest one is. We can't tell you away up here in Maine.

Inquirer, West Frankfort, Ill.—A good physician might by careful operating very much improve the looks of the scar on your lip. A specialist in that line might do much better, but you would have to go to Chicago to see him. Get your local doctor's opinion as to what you should do.

C. H. H., Moonspark, Mich.—We think you are mistaken when you say the physicians in your neighborhood cannot explain what catarrh is. All of them know. It is inflammation of the mucous membrane. Wherever there is mucous membrane there is possibility of catarrh, stomach, bladder, nasal passages, intestines and so on. Ordinarily, catarrh is understood to be inflammation of the air passages, and any cold is called catarrh. Superficial inflammation yields readily to treatment, but when it becomes deep-seated, cure is difficult and sometimes impossible. Certain climatic conditions always aggravate it and the catarrh becomes chronic, though not necessarily fatal. If you have chronic catarrh we advise you to get out of the cold, damp climate of Michigan and go to the warm, dry air of Arizona. Once it gets started in your bronchial passages, these leading to the lungs, it may run into consumption and that will be the end. Put yourself in the hands of a physician and take his advice.

A. B. Z., Murphy, Cal.—writes for the benefit of those suffering from car sickness that the simplest and most effectual home remedy he knows of is ordinary popped corn, slightly salted, but not sweetened. Lie subject to car sickness avoid the last meal before beginning the journey, and as soon as seated in the car begin eating the corn, slowly and without drinking any water or anything else and continue until the feeling of nausea has disappeared. This may be for a day, or longer, but the corn will take the place of other food.

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L. K., Mountain Top, Pa.—Possibly, as the doctor suggests, the operation for appendicitis has produced the trouble and we would suggest that you go to a hospital in Philadelphia—free hospital, if you haven't the money to pay—and have a thorough examination made. Taking medicine will do no good if it is surgical attention you need.

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Under this heading all questions by COMFORT readers on subjects not related to the special departments elsewhere in the paper will be answered, as far as may be. COMFORT readers are advised to read carefully the advertisements in this paper, as they will often find in them what they seek through their questions in this column. They will thus save time, labor and postage. Letters reaching this office after the 10th of the month cannot be answered in the issue of the following month.

P. J. W., Alton, Ark.—There are correspondence schools in engineering, but practice is necessary to succeed at it. (2) There is a demand for sober, honest and efficient chauffeurs at good wages, especially honest chauffeurs. Write the Empire Auto Institute, 344 Empire Building, Rochester, N. Y., for particulars about their correspondence course of instruction for chauffeurs.

Curly, Olympia, Wash.—The way to take a picture by night is by flashlight. An exposure of half an hour would not produce much of a result before an ordinary fire in a room. A house afire would require less time, but most of the house would burn before the impression would be made.

Subscriber, Winchester, Ky.—Ask at Phillips' drug store for the red vaseline. The David C. Cook Pub. Co. is at Elgin, Ill.

Alllets, Hawkeye, Ia.—You can take the courses you mention at any of the correspondence schools and one of them is about as good as another. Take your choice. If you are ambitious to learn, as we say you are, you will find a way to learn. More depends on you than on the school.

S. F. W., Homedale, Pa.—We do not think you could find such a family register in any book store, blank books or otherwise. Your Homedale printers can tell you what it would cost to get up a blank book of that kind. Of course, if you get a number of them the cost would be much less. Submit your work to the printer.

Chinese Sub., Honolulu, Hawaii.—Don't know about the firm you mention. (2) There are some patent attorneys who are not quite as square as others, but we should not say they were fakes. They merely look out for themselves first. Some of them are as square as men can be. (3) It is good to invent if you can invent something that will bring you in money and also be profitable to those who use it. The inventor has no easy road to success, though, and some of them who have invented the best things got mighty little good out of them. Still, if it is in you to invent, you can't help yourself.

N. G., Waha, Idaho.—Those advertised in COMFORT are just as reliable as any others. If they are no good, done is.

Mrs. L. B., Pritchett, Texas.—Many of the glass and pottery cements advertised will do as they are represented. Of course, they can't make the article as good as new, but it can be as strong, and it is as likely to break anywhere else as where it is cemented. In mending with cement you must follow directions exactly if you want proper results.

E. O. H., Jackson, Mich.—If you had read COMFORT as you should have done you would have been told more than once that all the Stainer, Strads and other violins inscribed as yours are fakes and worth only the price of ordinary fiddles. According to modern inscriptions in violins those old fellows must have made about a million instruments apiece.

A. F. W., Brookland, D. C.—You will have to learn how to preserve birds from the taxidermist, and you will find several in Washington. Get such information from experts if you want good results in practice.

M. E. L., Cochran, Ga.—Submit the problem to your nearest school teacher and have her demonstrate it.

T. M., Sumner, Mo.—Write to A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago.

Mrs. M. E. C., Vandegrift, Pa.—Write to Louis Metzger & Co., No. 637 Broadway, Siegman & Well, No. 77 Wooster St., and J. A. Whaley & Co., No. 310 Sixth Ave., New York City.

Cheerful Henrietta, Lake Odessa, Mich.—You are making trouble for yourself trying to get someone to board with you on the farm and be part of the family, because human beings somehow are awfully hard to live with unless you are used to them. No matter how well you treat them, they will complain. However, put an ad in the Detroit Free Press, say, and in one or two of your county papers and see what kind of answers you get. Then see the writers as far as you think you would like them. Your price in these high cost of living times is certainly most attractive.

K-O-N., New Market, Minn.—Write to Rand, McNally & Co., Chicago, and also to Editor of Entertainment Magazine, New York City. This latter may contain just what you are looking for.

Mrs. B. B., McMechen, W. Va.—Write to Secretary of State, Tallahassee, Fla., and to Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Dumb Donkey, Grafton, Nebr.—We are a dumb donkey ourselves on this subject. Write to Editor The Commoner, Lincoln, Nebr. Can any COMFORT reader tell Mrs. Wm. Brewster, Grafton, Nebr., how to play Dumb Donkey with Flinch cards? If so write to this department.

Ida Carborgh, Murphysboro, R. R. 3, Box 22, Ill. has a silver quarter, date 1862, with the name of B. F. Tully on it, and she wants to know if anybody reading COMFORT knows anybody by that name.

J. L., Baltimore, Md.—The only, or the best, way to find out if Western ranchmen want cowboys is to put an ad. in the Denver papers, or Oklahoma City, or any other locality where you may want to go. Or pull up stakes at Baltimore and go West scouting for a job.

Edw. Anderson, Fulton, Ill., wants the song, "Tell Mother I'll Be There." He can't find it at any publisher's and maybe some COMFORT reader can help him.

Mrs. M. H., Centerton, Ark.—Write to H. Malkan, No. 42 Broadway, New York.

O. M., Phalanx Station, Ohio.—Write to Ful Bros., No. 45 Walker St. Thos. Kelly & Co., No. 74 Franklin St., and North Star Woolen Mill Co., No. 149 Fifth Ave., New York City.

M. E. H., Alpine, Texas.—Advertise such goods for sale in the nearest city newspapers. Firms handling junk send their buyers over the country and if they know where you are they will come to you.

A. E., Grantsburg, Wis.—Before trying to become a trained nurse have a talk with some physician you know who can tell you if you are fitted for the work. Special qualifications are necessary which are of more value than education and if you do not have them, you are wasting time trying to be what you cannot be. If you have the qualifications the doctor will tell you where to go for the necessary training.

G. A. L., Parma, Idaho.—Just what luck and profit there would be in fish raising can only be told by experimenting. Write to Fish Commission, Washington, D. C., stating your case fully and ask there for particulars.

Stenographer, Vienna, Va.—Unless your contract with the school prohibits the sale of the books after you are through with them, we should think you could sell them, seeing that they are yours by purchase. Better write to the school about it.

E. P., Onalinda, Pa.—See advertisements in COMFORT on this subject.

H. S. C., Dunreith, Ind.—Brigham Young was born in Vermont in 1811, the son of a farmer, but he became a painter and glazier and was a Baptist. In 1832 he became a Mormon at Kirtland, O., and in 1844 succeeded Joseph Smith as President of the Mormon Church. He died in Salt Lake City, Aug. 29th, 1877, leaving a fortune of two million dollars to seventeen wives and fifty-six children. Whatever may be said against Brigham Young, and much has been, he certainly was a man of great ability.

A. E. Barbour, Griggs, R. R. 1, Okla., wants the words of the songs: "If the Wind had Only Blown the Other Way," and "I am a Poor Pilgrim of Sorrows." Can any COMFORT reader supply his wants? Write direct to him.

R. T., Auburn, Maine.—It will be much better for you to get a young nurse for your wife by advertising in the newspapers near you because if you get one who is dissatisfied, or you do not like, you can more easily send her home. We know of no institutions nearer than Boston or New York, and they are not always willing to send girls so far. You should be able to find a good girl that you know something about, as you would not know of one from an institution and you might get one who would be very undesirable.

C. S., Belmont, Mont.—Unless you have used stamps by the thousand they are not worth bothering about.

L. B., Three Creeks, Ark.—If you think you have gold or copper in your soap-stone send it to the State Geologist at Little Rock, and have him give you an analysis. That will settle it. We think you haven't. (2) There is not enough demand for a new style of bathing-tub to warrant your studying up how to invent one. (3) A tooth may be removed, treated and replaced, but it is a very painful operation and could be done only by a skilled dentist at a high price.

A. E., Snowville, Va.—If an adult must have a license to carry on the pet stock business in your community, then a minor would. We think there is no license necessary. Haven't you any officials in your county who can tell you?

F. M., Arlington, Mo.—You don't read this column very closely. See answer above to another reader of the same kind who has the same kind of a fake fiddle that you have.

M. F., Paterson, N. J.—You are close enough to New York to go there and see wholesale dealers yourself, which is the best way if you really mean business. (2) As long as you are a minor you cannot buy land except through your parents or guardian. (3) The only real way to get correct information about how to cultivate a farm is to become a farmer. You have got to get right next to the ground or you'll do worse than most farmers do. Write to Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., for information on farming. He knows from experience.

Mrs. J. G., Alvaton, Ky.—The safe way to buy mining or other stock is to know absolutely that it is good for the price, or to know the men personally who are selling it, so that if it does not succeed and you lose your money you will know that you have taken the usual business risk and have not lost by anybody's dishonesty. We do not know the firms you mention, and we advise that you get well acquainted before putting in any money. They may be all right, and if they are, they will be only too glad to prove to you that they are. Have you had dividends on any of your previous investments? Sometimes a mining stock proves to be a bonanza and everybody having stock in it makes big money, but that only happens at rare intervals.

E. H., Everest, Kans.—A piano organ we suppose is a piano with an organ attachment. They are out of date now, whatever they are, and their place is taken by the piano that you grind the music out of, and very good music, too, some of it, and most of it better than the kind the average amateur players inflict upon people who have to listen to them. Do you play the piano?

Subscriber, Atlantic, Maine.—Unless you have the gun in large enough quantities to secure fair freight rates you can do better selling to the local dealers who gather for the big firms. Write to Emil Miller, No. 436 East 14th St., New York City, inquiring if he can give you any information. Inclose postage.

R. E., Sherman Mills, Maine.—Write to H. O. Granbury, Oshkosh, Wis.

M. F. D., San Jose, Cal.—Walk around to the public library in San Jose and you can get a list of noted women as long as your arm with full particulars for what they were noted.

J. D. W., Hazan, Ark.—The address of the Secretary of War, is Washington, D. C. But why ask

COMFORT? Anybody of fair intelligence in your town could have told you and saved you time and postage.

C. E. R., Hamilton, Texas.—Write to Jacob Adler & Co., Gloversville, N. Y., inclosing postage for the information you want.

S. S. K., Hardin, Ky.—Write to Robert Clarke & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, about the books you want, and also for address of second-hand dealers in that town.

C. J. H., East Oakland, Cal.—If we have any national hymn it is the "Star Spangled Banner," though "America" runs a good second.

M. O. G., Glenco, Kans.—Write to Marie Schutz, No. 212 East 47th St., and to Hepner's Hair Emp., No. 1456 Broadway, New York. (2) Sunshine is no longer published, it was consolidated with COMFORT.

F. B., Lockport, N. Y.—Write to H. Malkan, No. 42 Broadway, New York.

Mrs. A. Y. L., Russellville, Ark.—Write to Vick's Family Magazine, Rochester, N. Y., and Florists' Exchange, New York City.

Mrs. E. M., Chardbourne, N. C.—Write to Arlington Chemical Co., Yonkers, N. Y., and the Pratt Chemical Co., No. 135 Duane St., New York City, and to Frederick Stevens & Co., Detroit, Mich.

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Mrs. H. H., Bristol, Tenn.—If the post-office people can't find the firm you might as well stop looking for it. We can't tell you any more than the post-office can.

N. J., Judson, Ind.—You must try out an incubator to know whether it is best for your purpose or not. A lot of good ones are made and advertised.

Mrs. S. H. B., Clyde Park, Mont.—Write to A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago, Ill.

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J. S., Lawton, N. Dak.—Write to Rand, McNally & Co., Chicago about the books and to Lyon & Healy, Chicago, about the music.

H. E., Rockford, Ill.—You can't be told how to tan furs successfully, you must be shown how. Hunt up a tanner and ask him to show you.

H. M. M., Dykes, Ky.—The value of the book would depend upon how much a collector wanted it. The book should have an established value as Martin Luther Bibles are not plenty. Write to Wm. Pitt, No. 947 Eighth Ave., New York, and Henry Malkan, No. 42 Broadway, New York. Also put an advertisement in the Clift Enquirer and the Times Review of Books, Times Building, New York, if you do not get satisfaction for it otherwise.

J. W. McL., Bridgeport, O.—Nothing doing in board games except through publicity by advertising. Write to American Toy Works, No. 7 Chatham Square and to Strauss Manf. Co., No. 395 Broadway, New York. Give full description of what you have.

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Useful Hints Showing Where Time and Material are Economized in every part of the Home.

Cleaning and Renovating That a Woman Can Do

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 17.)

It is quite a lot of work to remove portieres every time a room is swept, which should be done if not otherwise protected. A simple, labor-saving way is to make bags of old material and slip each portiere into one end and tie to rod.

A floor finish that will dry the same day it is put on and will wear for years is made in the following way: Dissolve on the back of the stove two ounces of glue and one quart of rain water. When cool mix with yellow ochre until it will spread smoothly. Paint floor and when dry oil freely with a good door oil.

Oilcloth makes an effective and durable covering. If it is put up over old plastering be very sure that it is well secured to the laths. The best way is to remove the old plaster and cover laths with paper. You now tack the oilcloth firmly along the edges and seams. Use a plain, substantial wood moulding around the edges. Paint any desired color and varnish. This will last many years and is easily cleaned.

The right way to lay oilcloth or linoleum is to fit it to the floor and use without fastenings for about one week when it will have spread or stretched slightly. If it then seems tight or binds at any point, trim off until it is easy all around. Instead of using tin binding at the edges and seams, take strips of strong cotton cloth two inches wide, spread with glue and lay under the seams and edges and cover with heavy boards twenty-four hours. Your carpet will never move, curl or break at the edges.

There is the multitude of small articles handed over every time the housecleaning is gone through with that seems to have no particular abiding place. One ingenious person who lived in small quarters conceived the idea of taking an old, discarded suitcase and converting it into a general utility cabinet. She glued all sizes of pockets onto the inside of the cover which held plasters, soft linen, surgeon's cotton, bandages, adhesive plaster, etc., while in the case itself were neatly arranged large envelopes with contents labelled, a small bag containing mending material, recipes, toilet articles, hot water bottle, etc., in fact it was a storehouse of comfort and saved many a corner the appearance of disorder.

Laundry Hints

Grass stains are removed by rubbing in kerosene. For tar, pitch or axle grease, rub the places with lard and let stand.

A good laundry bluing may be made by dissolving fifty grains of aniline blue in two gallons of boiled water.

Add half a teaspoonful of lard to your hot starch. The clothes will have a fine gloss and you can iron much faster.

Make an outing flannel hood with a cape long enough to hang well over the shoulders and wear when hanging out clothes.

Fresh paint is removed from clothing by covering with turpentine and letting stand over night. Sweet oil is also effective.

Wash white silk in ammonia. Use about a tablespoonful to two quarts of warm water (no soap). Press before thoroughly dry.

Wooden clothes-pins are toughened by putting them in a pan of cold salt and water and letting them come to a boil. Drain and slowly dry.

When ironing stand on a rug or old piece of carpeting kept for the purpose and see how it will lessen the fatigue to the back and feet.

Ink stains may be removed from colored material if not too old by rubbing with lard, let stand all day and then washing the usual way.

Fruit stains may be removed from white material by first soaking them in vinegar and salt and then holding in water that is actually boiling.

A good washing fluid is made by adding two tablespoonsfuls of ammonia, one of turpentine and one quarter of a bar of good yellow soap to every boiler of clothes.

Fresh tea stains are removed by pouring boiling water over them. Tea stains of long standing should first be soaked in glycerine, then washed in cold water.

The wringer will do better work if kept clean. After using, release the rollers by loosening the top screws and wash with soap and water. Clean the gears occasionally with kerosene and oil with machine oil.

Cover the ironing board on each side with some heavy material such as an old blanket, using two thicknesses. Now cover each side tightly with an old sheet and tack on one edge to place. Reserve one side for colored fabrics.

Hanging wet colored clothes in the sun to dry fades them more than washing, for a bleaching process goes on. The best way is to either hang them in the house, or to roll the smaller garments in sheets until they are in the right condition to iron.

Mildew is removed by dipping the article in a solution of chloride of lime; one teaspoonful to a quart of water. Also soaking the article in sour milk and salt and laying in the sun. Another way is to wet the mildewed place in cold water cover with common baking soda and spread in the sun. Repeat if necessary.

Cover iron-rust stains with cream of tartar and salt after the cloth has been wet. Keep in the sun and repeat until stain disappears. Half an ounce of oxalic acid in one pint of soft water is also a good rust stain remover. Keep well corked and away from children and label it "poison."

To wash flannels make a strong suds of white soap and soft water, which is warm enough to comfortably bear the hands in. Put in flannels and wash, using the second suds if necessary. Never rub soap onto the flannels as it shrinks them. Rinse in water of the same temperature. Dry in the house in winter as the cold air on the warm flannels tends to shrink them. Fold without ironing.

To wash blankets, dissolve half a cake of white soap in hot water and boil a few minutes. Pour into half a tub of cold water and add three ounces of powdered borax. Put in blankets and soak over night. The next morning work them up and down in the water about fifteen minutes, drain and put into more cold water to which more borax has been added. Hang up wet. Choose a day that is clear and bright on which to wash blankets.

It is often necessary to wash boys' and men's trousers and if the following directions are observed they will come out looking quite new. First carefully look them over and rub all the spots with good soap. Put into a warm suds, let soak a few minutes and then with the hands force back and forth through the water and squeeze until they seem clean. They will look cleaner if put through the second water. Rinse in warm water, squeeze a little and hang up wet by the waistband. Put in pins so they will hang straight. When nearly dry, press on the wrong side and then on the right and crease.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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which is free to all. There are several hot and cold springs here. The water tastes good. There are several fine hotels, one of them containing seven hundred rooms. There is also an ostrich and an alligator farm run here. Most of the winter days are mild, but the nights are cold. The summers are intensely hot.

We have lived in several cities and visited others since our marriage. This is our second winter South, but I do not like it as well as the North where I was born. Living expenses are much higher in the South than North.

Sisters, in preparing a fruit salad, try pouring honey over it instead of using sugar to sweeten it. The flavor is finer.

Mrs. C. NOAKES, 233 Central Ave., Hot Springs, Ark.

DEAR SISTERS:

Thanks to all who so kindly sent me the song, "Scatter Seeds of Kindness." Thanks for the beautiful letters. I wish I could correspond with each of you; but I am old—past seventy-six years—and could not write so many letters. Thanks, many thanks.

I certainly do appreciate the sisterly interest of those dear ladies. I did not conceive the largeness of Comford's kindness in publishing my request until those letters began to pour in on me. Comford's Sisters' Corner is a grand, glorious exchange! Will try to reciprocate the best I can. Gratefully,

Mrs. FLAVIUS J. HENDERSON, Gentry, Ark.

Mrs. HENDERSON, I am sorry not to grant your request to print the names of all who sent you the song, "Scatter Seeds of Kindness," but I have not the space.

I have become very familiar with this old-time song through reading over so many copies, and have learned to appreciate it fully. It is very beautiful and I am pleased to print it as you asked.

A great many sent it direct to me, and I thank you all.

Mary Agnes Conner's letter will add to the interest of this song.—Ed.

Scatter Seeds of Kindness

"If we knew the woe and heartache,
Waiting for us down the road;
If our lips could taste the wormwood—
If our backs could feel the load—
Would we waste the day in wishing
For a time that ne'er can be?
Would we wait with such impatience
For our ships to come from sea?

CHORUS.

"Then scatter seeds of kindness,
Then scatter seeds of kindness,
Then scatter seeds of kindness,
For our reaping by and by.

"Let us gather up the sunbeams,
Lying all about our path;
Let us keep the wheat and roses,
Casting out the thorns and chaff:
Let us find our sweetest comfort
In the blessings of today,
With a patient hand removing
All the briars of today.

"Strange we never prize the music
Till the sweet-voiced birds are flown:
Strange that we should slight the violets
Till the lovely flowers are gone.

Strange that summer skies and sunshine
Never seem one half so fair.

As when winter's snowy fingers
Shake the white down in the air.

"If we knew the baby fingers,
Pressed against the window pane,
Would be cold and stiff tomorrow—
Never trouble us again—
Would the bright eyes of our darling
Catch the frown upon our brow?
Would the prints of rosy fingers
Vex us then as they do now?

"Oh, those little icy fingers,
How they point our memories back
To the hasty words and actions
Strewn along life's backward track!
How those little hands remind us,
As in snowy grace they lie,
Not to scatter thorns—but roses—
For our reaping by and by.

"Lips from which the seal of silence,
None but God can roll away;
Never blossomed in such beauty
As adorn that mouth today.

And sweet words that freight our memory
With their beautiful perfume,
Come to us in sweeter accents
Through the portals of the tomb."

Notice.—The following extracts are taken from letters, the entire contents of which I am unable to give.—Ed.

"Not only should children obey their parents but mothers should be patient with the little ones. How little we know at what hour God may claim His own. When we see the little ones snatched away from us, how thankful we would be if we could say: "How glad I am that never once did I lose my temper in conquering the little ones." Mothers, wake up and guard your tempers above all things! make much of it while you have the untrammelled love of the innocent darlings. I give my children a little box and tell them to keep their playthings in it, and it is great fun to see my oldest child gather up his 'pretties' and put them away when papa comes in from work. Alva understands that papa is tired and doesn't want to be bothered with the playthings scattered over the floor."

Mrs. MAY PRINCE, Greencastle, R. R. 5, Ind.

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Full names and addresses must be signed by all persons seeking advice in this column but not necessarily for publication. Unless otherwise requested, initials only will be published.

Short Hand, Minnesota.—(1) We do not think you could have anyone arrested for the grievance you state. (2) We do not think you could be personally held for the payment of the balance of the note you describe provided the payments you have made have been made with the express understanding that you in no way assumed the debt.

A. E. B., Oklahoma.—To relieve yourself of any obligation in the matter you mention, we think you should return the goods with a letter stating that you had not ordered them and refused to accept them.

M. W., Texas.—Under the laws of your state we are of the opinion, that ten years' peaceful possession of real estate, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, paying taxes thereon, without evidence of title, gives to the possessor full title to one hundred and sixty acres, and to all beyond which he has in actual possession.

N. S., South Dakota.—We think you could get your name legally changed by a special act of the legislature, or on petition to the proper court of your state. The cost of doing this would depend largely upon the charges made by the attorney you employed to present the matter for you, and, as there is no fixed rate among attorneys for such a service, we cannot estimate the expense for you. If you were legally adopted, we think your present correct name is that of your foster parents.

K. F., Minnesota.—Under the laws of your state we think that if the husband and wife hold title to the property as tenants by the entirety, upon the death of the one the property all goes to the survivor; that, they do not view it as tenants by the entirety, but is owned by the husband and is homestead property, it would go to the widow for life with remainder over to the children; but that, if on the other hand, it is not held as tenants by the entirety, nor is it homestead land, but belongs to the husband alone, it would go one third to the surviving widow and the balance in equal shares to the children and lawful issue of deceased children.

W. E. T., Maryland.—We think a minor can own real estate, but cannot sell or lease it except through a legally appointed guardian or trustee.

C. K., Illinois.—Unless some provision of some existing easement on the land gives to the adjoining owner the privilege of changing the ditch, we do not think he has any legal right to do. We think any action for damages for doing so should be brought within five years, and that the measure of damages would be the amount of damages proved to have been actually suffered. (2) We do not think the tenant had any legal right to commit the act you state, unless in some way provided for in his lease of the land. We think any action for damages should be brought within five years and that the measure of damages is as above.

L. O. X., California.—We think the man you mention can be compelled to support his child, if such child is of tender years and not able to support itself.

W. R. S., West Virginia.—If you simply pledged your watch as security for a loan, we think you would be entitled to damages if the same were sold before the maturity of the loan, but that, if it can be proved that you sold the watch, you cannot recover.

Mrs. M. E. H., New Hampshire.—We think the purchaser of the land you mention is entitled to receive as much as is included in the description in the deed; if the description includes the sugar orchard, we think it belongs to him, but, if it is not included in the description, we think he does not get it. (2) We think you are entitled to so much as was not included in the sale; that if you sold lumber above a certain size, the timber under that size would belong to you, but that, if you sold all of the wood or timber from a certain tract, we think the sale would include the firewood.

Mrs. D. J. M., Ohio.—We think that under the laws of your state, upon the death of either husband or wife, the survivor is endowed with a one third interest for life in the real estate of the deceased consort, and that this right cannot be cut off by will; subject to this we think that either the husband or wife can dispose of their estate as they see fit. We think the husband is liable for his wife's support if she does not have sufficient means, but we think it would be better to press this claim before the death of either.

Mrs. G. K., Washington.—Under the laws of your state we are of the opinion, that all property acquired during marriage except by gift, devise or descent is common property, and that the husband has the management and control of the community property and may dispose of the personal property, but that he cannot sell or encumber the real estate unless the wife joins, and that, upon the death of one, one half of the community property, subject to the community debts, goes to the survivor; we do not think the wife would in any way jeopardize her interest in the community property by refusing to do farmwork for her husband. We cannot advise you as to your divorce matter, except that we think possibly you might try and come to some agreement as to a separation and as to the division of the property.

C. W. G., Indiana.—Upon your statements to us, we are of the opinion, that you cannot compel your neighbor to allow you to use his ditch or to dig a ditch upon your land unless some provision has been made for this under the agreement under which you are now using the ditch, or unless the ditch as now constructed, empties drainage in an illegal way upon your land.

E. M. G., Maine.—We think the deed should be made either direct to the infant or to someone legally appointed his guardian or trustee. We think a minor can hold real estate, but is under the disability of not being able to reconvey, lease or otherwise manage it, except through a guardian or trustee legally appointed.

C. F., North Dakota.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion, that a homestead estate, which is the right to the possession, use, control, income, and rents of real property occupied or held as a homestead, descends to the surviving husband or wife, or, if neither, to the decedent's minor child or children until the youngest reaches majority, and that when the homestead estate is fully satisfied, the property is distributed as other property.

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WICHITA, Kas.—There is nothing in all the world that is more strange and wonderful than the achievements of science, and this seems to have been amply verified of late through the remarkable work being accomplished by Professor Samuels, an eminent scientist, of Wichita, Kas.

From our earliest recollection we have been assured by the doctors that such diseases as consumption, Bright's disease, epilepsy, blindness, etc., were beyond human skill; that palliative treatment in such cases was all that we could expect from the medical practitioner; but to refute all these carefully nurtured theories here comes Professor Samuels with the announcement that he has a scientific treatment which enables him to restore to health many of those suffering from these ills, and to prove that his statements are true he proceeds to relieve scores upon scores of these very cases—the kind the doctors would have us believe are hopelessly incurable.

As might naturally be expected this has made the doctors very bitter against Professor Samuels. Seeing their own glory dimmed by his achievements, they have arrayed themselves against him in the hope that they may be able to divert the people from his highly successful method of treatment; they have gone on the housetops and shouted "Quack!" and "Charlatan!" and "Fake!" in the hope of frightening away the sufferers who fain would escape an untimely grave; they have even caused his arrest on numerous occasions because, not being a man of their own faulty creed, he holds no medical diploma. Prosecutions at the instance of jealous physicians have in every case resulted in failure, because those who say they have been cured have come to his rescue and have shown that he has done what the medical men have utterly failed to do. Where could a jury be found that would convict a man of a crime when his only offense had been to relieve the blind, the halt and lame, and assist the enfeebled consumptive to grow strong in the full vigor of health, or the pitiable epileptic to cast off his yoke of affliction?

Professor Samuels' unique method of treatment is almost certain to invite skepticism from those of unprogressive minds because it differs radically from the methods employed by physicians and because few people, even among the medical fraternity, are able to understand it. The remedial agents employed are, of course, Professor Samuels' own secret; but it is the manner of their administration which confuses and dumbfounds the people. This treatment, consisting simply of the application daily for a few weeks of a few drops of a colorless, odorless liquid to the eyes, established a new departure in therapeutics. Strange as his method of treatment seems to be, its efficiency is founded upon the simplest scientific elements, and its success in the supposedly incurable diseases indicates that Professor Samuels has completely outdistanced all other medical experts and scientists in his researches, establishing a new departure in therapeutics which bids fair to completely revolutionize the old-time theories now in vogue. As matters stand today, as far as we know Professor Samuels is the only man in the world who knows this strange and marvelous secret, and is the only man who can offer any reliable assurance that sufferers from consumption, epilepsy, Bright's disease and these other maladies regarded as incurable may be restored to health; but his phenomenal success has pointed the way to other scientists in search of life's great truths, and the time will no doubt come when the regular doctor will be compelled to change his code of ethics in order to gain the confidence of afflicted humanity.

In his quest for some reliable evidence of Professor Samuels' reputed wonderful cures a representative of the press encountered such an array of confirmatory testimony that he might have found material for a large volume had he so desired. As a matter of fact, about the only people who were unwilling to ascribe full credit to the great scientist's phenomenal record of results were the doctors, and even some of this class could be fair-minded enough to endorse his method of treatment. Notably among this class were Vere V. Hunt, L.L.D. and M. D., formerly division surgeon of the Frisco railway at Kill-dare, Okla., and Dr. W. P. Parr, a well-known physician of Wichita, Kas. Dr. Hunt, who had taken Professor Samuels' treatment for an obstinate nervous disorder with great benefit, warmly

endorsed the new method of treatment and advanced the prediction that wonderful results would accrue from its application in the future, when its real value as a therapeutic agent became better known.

Dr. Parr, whose wife states that she has been cured by Professor Samuels of hay fever and a complication of diseases that had made her invalid for years, and had found no relief in the remedies prescribed by members of his own profession, had this to say: "Many people refuse to take Professor Samuels' treatment because they do not understand it. Neither do I understand how putting a few drops of clear liquid into the eyes can affect such wonderful results; but it surely does, and that is sufficient. I know my wife was in a fearful condition in July, 1902. I know that her health generally was very bad for many years. I know she took Professor Samuels' treatment after all methods of cure had been tried, and I know that she is in better health every way than she has been for twenty years."

However, the interviewer found that Professor Samuels was in no sense dependent upon the endorsement or co-operation of the medical fraternity. For the benefit of our readers, whom we believe will welcome as much information on this subject as can be obtained, we have secured the testimony of several of Professor Samuels' former patients, which certainly makes interesting reading.

Mr. Joe Wetherholt, better known as "Blind Joe," for many years a vendor of peanuts and popcorn on the streets of Topeka, Kas., in his testimonial states that he had been totally blind for ten years. Every form of treatment within his means had been tried to no purpose, and his case was regarded as hopelessly incurable. He finally was induced to take treatment from Professor Samuels, and at the end of four months his sight was restored.

Mrs. H. J. Burroughs, living at Collins, Ia., and who in her testimonial said she had a serious case of heart trouble, in a recent letter to Professor Samuels states: "I have not taken a drop of medicine since I began your treatment. Before that I had to take from one to four heart tablets a day. I had dizzy, blind spells, and my heart did not beat regularly at all, but just flutter. Now it beats regularly and does not bother me a bit. I tell everyone I talk with of your treatment and what it has done for me."

Miss Daisy Hubbard, who lives at Alva, Okla., in a recent letter wrote: "For fifteen years I have been subject to epilepsy, and have received treatment from several noted doctors and have failed to receive permanent good." As a last resort she began treatment from Professor Samuels, and now in her testimonial says she has no symptoms of the disease.

If space permitted, this record of wonderful results might be prolonged indefinitely, for there are hundreds of people throughout the country who have had precisely the same gratifying experiences as those we have referred to. All kinds of constitutional and chronic diseases, hay fever, asthma, catarrh, cataracts, etc., are just as successfully treated as consumption, epilepsy, Bright's disease, and the more important maladies that confound and baffle our wisest medical men. Professor Samuels' treatment is unquestionably the new Source of Hope; and, what is more, it is available to all classes of people who may be menaced by any of these deadly diseases from which the ordinary practitioner cannot rescue them. Professor Samuels is a humanitarian as well as a gifted scientist, and has kept his charges within the reach of every man and woman who may need his treatment; and if any reader of this journal is in need of his counsels, or has lost faith in the methods of treatment employed by the less progressive medical fraternity, it will be the part of wisdom for them to get in touch with this great scientist—the one man in the whole world who has proven by his marvelous success that he can bring health and strength to many sufferers whom the doctors are powerless to help. Those who are unable to visit his office, Suite 7, Samuels building, in Wichita, Kas., should write him for his "Message of Facts," relative to his wonderful treatment. They can rest assured that his treatment will be administered in the same manner as if they were under personal treatment.

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Talks with Girls

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er to ask him to call, but don't run after him to do so.

R. H. W., Chase City, Va.—Don't imagine you can be happy with a drunken husband. Beware of the young man who drinks even a little in selecting your husband.

Geraldine, Oakwood, Ohio.—Don't sacrifice yourself for your parents by marrying a man you don't love, and don't sacrifice yourself for the man you do love and who may ruin that love when he is your husband. Better not marry at all, unless you are sure of the future being endurable, at least.

Rose, Temple, Texas.—Why ask my advice about marrying him, when you know for a fact that he cannot legally marry? Do you want to get him into the penitentiary and yourself into trouble that can never be wholly removed? Why not have a little common sense and higher ideals and don't make marriage any worse than it is? I have no patience with girls like you.

Betty Calico, Green Isle, Minn.—Snub the fresh lad completely out of your acquaintance, no matter how rudely you do it. Really you should take a club to him. The other one, the good one, treat nicely and encourage him modestly, and by and by he will begin to take notice. Both of you are too young yet, to even guess what you will think of each other when you are old enough to be serious.

City, Omaha, Nebr.—If the man who kissed your hand was a Southerner, he didn't mean very much by it, but if he were of the North, I should say he thought a whole lot of you. Still don't be too sure about these flirty men who are so nice to every girl they see. (2) Wear your hair in the most becoming way whatever the fashion is. The present fashion is something horrid. (3) Why not thank him for the handsome gift of candy? You would thank the waiter at the table for

passing you the sugar, wouldn't you? Make it a rule to thank everybody who extends to you any kind of courtesy, and never break it.

Simple Girl, Meridian, Wis.—The man of thirty-four is not too old, I think, for the girl of nineteen, but their ages would harmonize better if she were twenty-one and he thirty-six. She will grow over so much older in those two years than he will. (2) Of course a girl can marry a man not so tall as she is. Read in this column what I have said to another cousin about judging a husband by his size.

Black Eyes, Prairie Du Chien, Wis.—Don't you worry a minute about his being so much older than you are. It is ever so much better to be an old man's darling than a young man's slave.

Hungry Heart, Eureka, Cal.—I fear your heart will have to go hungry, because if he doesn't love you he can't make himself love you, no matter how much he wants to. Maybe though, if he can't get the girl he wants and he confides everything to you, it may be that he will learn that you love him and he will come your way. He'd ever so much better marry you who loves him, than marry the girl who doesn't.

Troubled Blue Eyes, Roleta, Pa.—The young man is unworthy and disloyal to his promise to you and you should break the engagement at once. Don't try to bring him back or make him honest and true, because you cannot, and he would only make another promise to break it.

There, dears, I have told you all what you should do or shouldn't and you best mind me or there will be trouble. And I haven't scolded much, either, because only a few needed it. Some letters had to be sent to other departments, but you will learn by and by what you must talk to me about. Now run along and be good little girls and next month we will talk some more. May the good Lord watch over us all. By, COUSIN MARION.

GOITRE

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To prove that my home treatment will cure Goitre, I will send you a liberal Trial Treatment Free, which will quickly relieve choking and other alarming symptoms. It will also begin to reduce size of Goitre thus proving to you that my method will permanently cure. Read this letter from Mrs. Arthur Bell, Walton, Ind., which is one of hundreds I receive:

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YOUR HEART



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Any sufferer cutting out this coupon and mailing it, with their name and P. O. address, to Dr. F. G. Kinsman, Box 862, Augusta, Maine, will receive a box of Heart Tablets for trial, by return mail, free of charge. Enclose stamp for postage. Don't risk death by delay.

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO REDUCE YOUR FAT A POUND A DAY?

THOUSANDS OF TESTIMONIALS.

Lost 115 Pounds. Mrs. E. M. Reynolds writes: "When I began your treatment I weighed 280 lbs. I now weigh 170 lbs and stand 5 ft. 11 1/2 in. My bust measure is reduced from 34 inches to 28 inches; waist from 40 to 28 in."

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Reduced 90 Pounds. W. R. Dennis writes: "I tried many so-called remedies, but got no satisfaction until I adopted the Dr. Bradford treatment, and have reduced 90 lbs. easily. Am now able to attend to my hotel business without the feeling of being tired out before evening comes on."

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Reduction 56 Pounds. Mrs. Alice Rouse writes: "Health comes before everything else, and your treatment has brought it to me; the loss of fat has been 56 lbs. and I have had many other benefits."

Lost 98 Pounds. Mrs. J. H. Wooldridge writes: "My figure and appearance have been greatly improved; lost 98 lbs. Friends amazed."

Saved Her Life. A. G. Osgood writes: "You saved Mrs. Osgood's life; she was so fat that she had fatty heart in doctor's car and could not live over a month, and was liable to die any moment. We got your treatment; loss of fat has been about 60 lbs. and her health marvellously benefited. No fear of dying now, doctors say."

Lost 112 Pounds. W. C. Newburn writes: "I have lost 112 lbs., am wonderfully benefited in heart and general vigor. Can climb mountains easily."

Full testimonials, from which above extracts were taken (with addresses), also many others, will be sent you.

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My treatment is intended to make you look and feel years younger; beautiful figure, skin, eyes, full womanly health and attractiveness, the kind that husbands adore and all others admire.

The testimonials printed in this advertisement are but a few of thousands. After you write me for my Free Proof Treatment, I will mail you names and full addresses of persons whose weight has been reduced and perfect health restored. You can write to or call upon former patients who willingly give the use of their names. My Treatment reduces one pound daily in many cases and is absolutely safe, harmless, guaranteed. My Method is intended to make you look years younger, improves figure and complexion. Gives surpassing vigor, induces cheerfulness and joy in healthy living. READ MY FREE BOOK. I believe you will say it is worth its weight in gold!

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If you have Backache, Kidney, Bladder Trouble or Rheumatism, Dizziness, Puffy Swellings Under the Eyes, or in the Feet and Ankles, Nervousness, Tired, worn-out Feeling. If your urine is light and pale, dark color or cloudy, if you make water often, getting up during the night, if it smartes and burns while you pass it, if these are sediment or brick dust when it stands, write for this Treatment without out a minutes delay.



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I want every sufferer to know, to come, and try this Treatment and see for themselves. I will send a full complete course, charges paid, ready to use TO TRY FREE. Take it when it comes. USE HALF OF IT, and see just what it does. Then when you know it is helping you, when you know you are getting better, just send me a small amount, an amount within your easy reach, an amount you can easily afford to spare. That's all I ask. If you are not satisfied when you have taken half of it, return what's left and pay nothing.

I am the only one today sending a full Treatment TO TRY FREE. I couldn't afford to do it if I wanted to. It would help you, if I didn't know what the Treatment would do. But you are to be the judge. It must satisfy you. It must help you, and you are the one to say. You won't want a penny if it fails. I would not take a cent if you are satisfied. I will give it right with you yourself. I know what my Treatment will do, that's why I am making you the broadest, most straightforward, fair, most liberal, one-sided offer ever made. Where I have confidence enough in my Treatment to send it to you this way, I know you will be willing to try it FREE at my expense and that's all I ask. Don't send a penny in your letter, not even a postage stamp. Just give me your name and where to send the Treatment. Address your letter to me personally, like this: Dr. H. Michell DeWerth, 126 Lexoid Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Mushroom Culture

By Mrs. M. E. Fonts

To make a success of growing mushrooms the following instructions will assist the beginner:

Fresh manure from stable-fed horses is of great importance and must be secured. Two grades are used—coarse and fine. Have a load placed in a convenient place, and with a pitchfork remove all foreign matter, such as hay or corn stalks that may have been used about the stalls. Go over it again, separating the coarse from the fine, making your two grades. Keep separate and let stand in piles one week, and during this time turn with the pitchfork and sprinkle with water three times. Mix fine garden soil with the pile of fine manure, making it one third soil to two thirds manure.



MUSHROOMS GROWN BY MRS. M. E. FONTS.

To make mushroom beds: Use sixteen to eighteen inch wide boards for the four sides. First fill in with the coarse manure until it is fourteen inches deep and pound down. Add more and pound until you have fifteen inches of solid coarse manure in the bottom of the bed. Sprinkle with hot water and pound again. Make a three-inch layer of the prepared fine manure and pound until it is firm. Sprinkle with cold water. Cover the bed with hay or straw. Place a thermometer in the bed to find the temperature and examine daily. If it runs up over one hundred and twenty degrees the covering must be removed, but replaced if the heat drops down to one hundred degrees or less, or to the ninety mark and stays there two or three days. The bed is then ready for seeding or spawning.

Spawning: Remove covering from bed and with a stick make holes two inches deep and eight inches apart all over the surface of the bed. Break the mushroom spawn in one inch pieces, place a piece in each hole and push down. Fill each hole with water and after it has absorbed, fill holes with fine soil and cover with straw. In five to seven weeks the first mushrooms will be up and ready for use.

Watering: During these five to seven weeks the beds should be carefully watched, and if the top layer of soil is dry, the manure underneath needs moisture. To water, take a round stick and make holes over the bed and way to the bottom and fill with warm water. Replace the straw covering.

When the first mushrooms appear, remove the covering to pull the mushrooms, bending from side to side to loosen, taking care not to disturb the small ones not through the ground. The mushrooms come in crops and last for weeks. The same bed will bear for six to eight months. Buy seed or spawn from a reliable house.

After experimenting and testing different ways of growing mushrooms, the above is the way I am most successful, and I gladly give it to COMFORT readers.

In the winter they can be grown in the cellar, they take up little room and are a sure crop and always marketable.

They are not difficult to grow, and women have handled this crop very successfully.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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take three quarts of nice, sound corn, put in a pot and cover with water to which has been added six level teaspoonsfuls of soda. Boil two and one-half hours or until hulls loosen. Remove from fire and raise corn out and wash well through two waters; place on drain and cover with water but no soda; cook two hours longer, remove and wash again. Repeat the process several times the more water it is washed through the better it is when it is done. The hulls will all be off then, season with butter, salt and a little pepper if desired. I think this is fine."

DELLA E. VIPPERMAN, Pinhook, W. Va.

"I am a sick woman and have to stay in the house most of the time. The weather is lovely here—the mountains are not far from town and I love to look up to their tops and see the sun play with the shadows—the sky is an azure blue—the Salt Lake is sixty miles long and can be seen from here.

"I want to thank all the sisters who sent me confirming letters and I ask God to bless you. I have tried to answer all but sickness prevented me."

MRS. P. P. OLSEN, Brigham City, Utah.

Requests

Grace H. Carpenter, Fairview, L. B. 56, Mont., prose, "Pledge with Blue."

Mrs. Cora Stacy, Melvin Hill, N. C., shut-in past seventy years old, birthday letters March 27th.

Mrs. C. L. Fergies, Oregon City, R. R. 5, Box 104 A., Ore., songs, "How Me Over the Tide," and "Poorhouse Nan."

Mrs. Ida Lorena Greenslait, Greenslait, Ky., correspondence.

Mrs. Lillian A. Hunt, Corinna, R. R. 2, Maine, a shut-in, letters and pieces.

Mrs. Linnie Jones, Tangent, Oregon, recipe for a dish called "Trifle," also how to use and make the old-fashioned dyes for carpets rags that our grandmothers used to make.

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Miss Florence Fuller, Sophia, R. R. 1, Okla., young girl keeping house for father and brothers fifty miles from relatives, letters.

Comfort Postal Requests

How to Get a Lot of Souvenir Post Cards is no longer a led but a custom as firmly established as letter writing, and more convenient and pleasing. By entering this Exchange list you are entitled to receive cards from every state in the Union and Foreign Countries. To secure the pleasure of your name in the Exchange List it is necessary to send a club of two fifteen months 25-cent subscriptions to COMFORT and fifty cents to pay for name. We will send you a very fine Fifty Card Album for Post Cards, and your name will appear in the next available issue of COMFORT, and you will be expected to return cards for all received by you.

Mrs. Franklin Eastman, Genoa, Wis., Charles L. Manchester, Storm Lake, Iowa, Sigma Loftie, North York, Wis., Mrs. Jennie Heron, Shuburn, R. R. 1, Box 80, Ind., Edward Hindler, Hubbard, R. R. 2, Box 44, Oregon, Miss Daisy Hammock, 327 2nd St., N. E., Washington, D. C., Marjorie Bull, Bozeman, R. R. 1, Mont., Allie L. Arendall, Vernon Hill, R. R. 2, Box 42, Va., Herman A. Oaisen, Hubbard, R. R. 2, Box 51, Oregon, Miss Myrtle Klutts, Paden, Okla., Miss Gertrude Hamlin, West Mineral, Box 450, Kans., Louis Goebel, 125 Union St., Jersey City, N. J., Mrs. C. R. Noyes, Plymouth, R. R. 2, Box 29, N. H., No comic, floral or leather. Ella Kasel, Hermann, Box 283, Mo., Mrs. B. C. Booker, Wallace, R. R. 1, Box 26, W. Va., Mrs. P. Frank, Mosgrove, Pa., Miss Lula Rosen, Thomasville, R. R. 1, Box 3, Tenn., Cards from Duval County, Fla., Miss Elizabeth Caldwell, Golden Prairie, Wyo., Miss Dora Goodell, 815 9th Street, Shenandoah, Iowa, Roland Louth, Spencerville, R. R. 1, Ohio, Miss Ida B. Church, Rutland, R. R. 10, Ill., Mr. Fred Nichols, Greenup, R. R. 3, Ill., George W. Hutchins, Palatka, Fla., Miss Dossie Hall, Woodfield, R. R. 2, Ohio, Miss Nora Greson, Sedalia, N. C., Miss Gertrude Smith, 221 South St., Butler, Pa., Mrs. J. B. White, Bieber, Cal., Miss Bertha Kelly, Boyers, R. R. 3, Pa., Miss Lucas, West Salem, R. R. 3, Ohio, Mr. G. W. Kappes, 1132 13th St., Cambridge, Ohio, Mr. Henry W. Arkerson, Washington, R. R. 1, N. J., Mrs. E. Wegner, 775 Clarke Ave., Jersey City, N. J., Joseph L. Ferry, Jr., Riverton, Oregon.

Missing Relatives and Friends

We shall greatly appreciate your getting a club of subscribers to COMFORT for each relative printed in the sending of notice for insertion in the Missing Relatives column. Include a club of three 15-months 25-cent subscriptions, or if you are already a paid-in-advance subscriber, send only two new 15-months 25-cent subscriptions. This amount limits the notice to twenty-two words, making three lines; if longer notice is required, send two additional 25-cent 15-months subscriptions yearly for every seven words.

Mrs. Jas. P. Kelly, Milan, Mo., would like to know the whereabouts of her son, Arthur M. Fugua, last heard from ten years ago in Sioux City, Iowa.

W. E. Wright, Legansville, Texas, wants the address of his sister, Sarah Martha Kate, last heard from was in Wilson Co., Texas, 1898. Husband's name, J. B. Kate.

Mrs. Bertha Bartholomew, Fairmont, Minn., desires to know whereabouts of her brother, Emery E. Averill, last heard of in Bozeman, Mont., in 1902.

Music of The Dairy Pail

Appeals Strongly to the Dairymen and the Reason is Not Hard to Find.

"Some one has said that the music that appeals most strongly to the dairymen is that of the milk pail as the laetate wealth of the cow goes streaming into it, and there is a mercenary reason for it as the following record will show.

"Mrs. J. W. Fisher, of Blanchard township, has three dairy cows and an American Wonder Cream Separator. The cream produced by these three cows is shipped to New Bremen, Ohio. Here is the record for the month of May, 1910: 817 pounds of cream were shipped, yielding 116.87 pounds of butter fat and 16 pounds of butter were churned for the use of the family.

"During the month of June 310.8 pounds of cream were shipped, which yielded 100 pounds of butter fat, besides 12 pounds of butter churned for home consumption, and these are not Jersey cows either, one only having an infusion of Jersey blood. Can anyone doubt the profitability of dairying?"

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This machine being made and sold by the oldest exclusive manufacturers of hand cream separators in the United States is of itself an assurance of genuineness, and our readers need not for one moment hesitate to approach them; in fact, everyone interested at all in cows should write the American Separator Company, Box 1126, Bainbridge, N. Y., for their \$15.95 proposition. They will send it free, postpaid, together with their handsomely illustrated catalog describing their full line of separators of all capacities and also explaining their system of selling direct to the user, saving all agent's and middlemen's profits.

THE USEFUL SNAKE.—In the south, most of the snakes are of great value, and that is relatively true everywhere. The blue racer, a handsome fellow, is estimated to be worth \$10.00 a year to destroy mice and gophers. The bull snake and the garter snake destroy insects and rodents without hurting the garden.

FOREST FIRES.—Forest fires in the U. S. during the year 1910 caused a loss of about \$200,000,000. It would require six years' growth of all the forests of the United States to replace the supply destroyed last year. The Government will hereafter take better care of its forests and we hope that such a calamity as has just occurred will never happen again.

A PRIZE FOR EVERYONE WHO TRIES

Cash Prizes All Sizes—Other Prizes Two Sizes

make it worth your while to CUT THIS PICTURE OUT and fit it together according to directions. If you FIT IT TOGETHER correctly and mail it to us with ONE fifteen-month subscription to COMFORT at 25 cents, before the tenth of April, AS A PRIZE FOR YOUR SKILL, we will send you by return mail choice new BRIGHT COLORED and decorative-EMBOSSED and LOVELY HUMAN FACES and FIGURES, and prettily embossed in many BRILLIANT tints and gold effects, and embellished EASTER," "EASTER GREETINGS," "A HAPPY EASTER," "BEST EASTER WISHES," and "A JOYOUS EASTER," beautifully executed in splendid harmonies of colors with contrasts of gold effects, giving you the latest and most artistic assortment.

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CASH PRIZES ALSO

BESIDES THE EASTER CARDS OFFERED above, which you are sure to derive as explained above, we will give for the BEST and MOST NEATLY CUT OUT, FITTED TOGETHER AND MOUNTED COMPLETE PICTURE formed of these cut-up pieces and SENT US WITH ONE OR MORE subscriptions before the tenth of April

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For second best a prize of 2.00 "
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For fourth best a prize of 1.00 "
For fifth best a prize of 1.00 "
For each of the 10 next best a prize of 50¢ each

YOU MAY WIN TWO PRIZES. THE LOVELY EASTER CARDS come to you by return mail SURE, if you cut out the picture, fit it together and send it to us with one or more subscriptions as above explained, and if your work in fitting together and mounting the cut-up picture is among the fifteen best you ALSO RECEIVE A CASH PRIZE.

Directions. All the parts of the entire cut-up picture are printed above. Cut out the pieces together and paste them on a piece of paper or cardboard mount so as to form the complete picture, and then mail to us with one or more subscriptions. IT'S EASY: IT'S LOT OF FUN AND WINS A PRIZE SURE, perhaps TWO PRIZES.

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This clever woman has not a wrinkle upon her face; she has perfected a marvelous, simple method which brought a wonderful change

Read these timely offers of spring household premiums given for few subscriptions to COMFORT at 25c. each for 15 months. Also send for canvassing outfit and secure first choice of many other carefully selected articles.



A DECORATED EASTER BOX OF 25 CHOICE EASTER POST CARDS

All new BRIGHT-COLORED and decorative EASTER POST CARDS—exquisitely embellished with such appropriate designs as the CROSS, DOVES, CHICKS, RABBITS, EASTER LILIES, EGGS, and LOVELY HUMAN FACES and FIGURES, and prettily inscribed with apt sentiments such as "BEST EASTER WISHES," "EASTER GREETINGS," "A JOYFUL EASTER," "EASTER BLESSINGS," "A HAPPY EASTER," "SWEET EASTERTIDE," "HOLY, HOLY EASTER DAY," "HAVE FAITH IN ME," beautifully EMBOSSED and printed in many BRILLIANT and HARMONIOUS tints with contrasts of gold and bronze effects, giving you the latest, most artistic assortment and most appealing sentiments, so the cards can be used at different times through the year as well as at Easter.

EASTER POST CARDS now supplant all old style Easter folders and cards that must be mailed in an envelope. Not only are our EASTER CARDS ARTISTIC in DESIGN but BEAUTIFULLY EXECUTED in GOLD and MANY COLORS, on good quality stock. EVERY CARD A GEM and one box of 25 WILL NOT BE ENOUGH for your needs. We shall distribute THOUSANDS OF EASTER boxes during NEXT FEW WEEKS, be sure to ORDER AS MANY as you think YOU WILL WANT and ORDER EARLY. We can not say how soon we may be SOLD OUT and a box of 25 EASTER CARDS

2 BOXES COST
YOU NO MONEY

FOR A CLUB of only TWO subscribers to COMFORT at 25 cents each for 15 months (your own as a renewal, or new subscriptions will count as one in the club), or you may send your own and one new subscription, or join with your neighbor, each sending one 15-month subscription to COMFORT at 25 cents each and we will send post-paid two of these decorated boxes each containing 25 EASTER POST CARDS FREE. Send the 50 cents for Club of TWO Subscriptions to COMFORT today and get 2 Boxes.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.



Plain Band Baby Ring

In preference to our Baby, Pet and Darling engraved Baby Rings many prefer a plain gold band. In response to this demand we have just added this new number to our premium list and now offer you a real gold ring for Baby that is dignified and beautiful, will wear indefinitely and give entire satisfaction.

Club Offer. Send a club of only two new subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each for 15 months. We will send the ring in a cute box, post-paid. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

LADIES' UNDERGARMENTS MADE AT HOME For YOURSELF or the CHILDREN

From your own patterns and ideas of fine quality
ENGLISH LONG CLOTH.

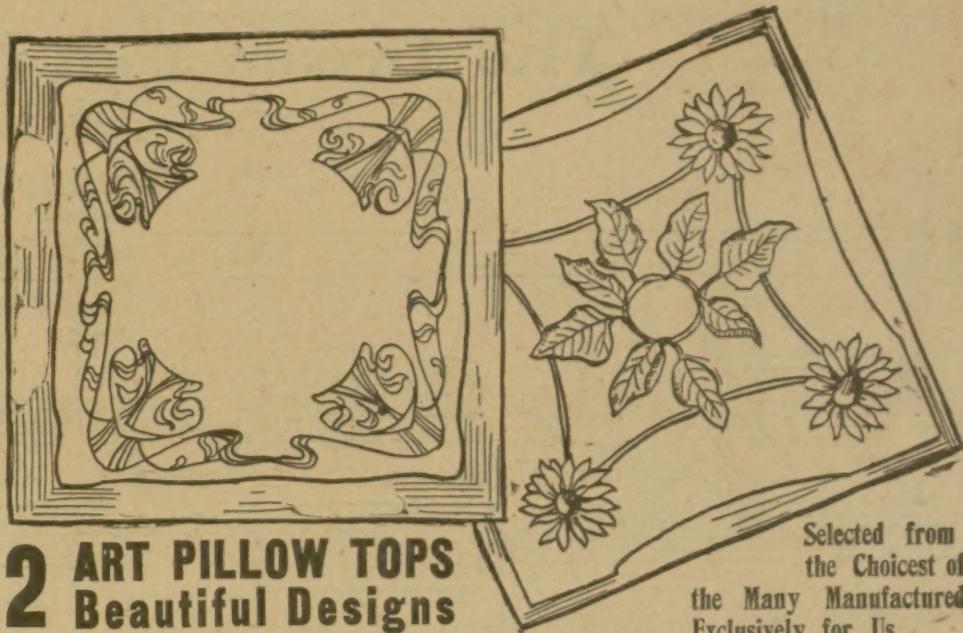


Suggesting some of its practical uses. Every mother or grown-up daughter appreciates well-fitted stylish undergarments. The children and especially the babies look best dressed in all white. Think of the garments made of white linen or lawn in the outfit of every family, and mother has to make nearly all, if not all, of them by hand.

COMFORT has selected a twelve yard piece of extra fine quality ENGLISH LONG CLOTH, or linen fine and sheer in quality and texture which is manufactured solely for woman's undergarments. Probably you know just what the material is and just how satisfactory it makes up into Drawers, Corset Covers, Night-gowns, Marguerites or Chemises, or for Baby's underclothes, dresses, etc. In a twelve yard piece there is sufficient material for many different pieces, it is a family supply for a long time. If any of the young ladies of the family are to be married here is an opportunity to obtain the necessary material for the wedding outfit, and it is fine enough and pretty enough for any bride. Each piece is twelve yards long and the material is 36 inches wide.

With every twelve yard piece we will supply free of charge one paper pattern which may be selected from our regular pattern order, elsewhere in this publication.

CLUB OFFER. We shall send one twelve yard piece of this First quality ENGLISH LONG CLOTH for a club of only eight 15-months subscribers to COMFORT at 25c. each. A remarkable bargain offer. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.



2 ART PILLOW TOPS Beautiful Designs

Each Pillow is twenty-two inches square, made from either tan or light green Art Pillow Cloth. You can have your choice of color. The Daisy Design, embroidered with white petals and yellow centers, carrying out the wreath effect and lines connecting daisies in two shades of green will give you a rich, stunning pillow in either shade of Art Cloth. The Conventional Design embroidered in shades of brown to blend with tan Art Cloth, or in deep shades of pink which will make a pleasing contrast to the green Art Cloth.

CLUB OFFER. Any preferred stitch may be used. These two carefully selected stamped Pillow Tops will be sent you Free of Charge for only two 15-months subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each.

Selected from
the Choicest of
the Many Manufactured
Exclusively for Us.

A Silken Shower from a Necktie Factory. A Big Lot of Real Silk, also REMNANTS Plush and Stamped Satin

ART in needlework is on the advance. We know the ladies delight in odd pieces of silk and satin, and this is again VERY POPULAR. We are sure we have a bargain for all ladies who now delight in Bright, handsome, odd-shaped, and pretty colored goods to accumulate very fast at all NECKTIE FACTORIES; the styles were never so bright and pretty as they have been the past season and they are now burdened with remnants of many RICH GOODS. We have thousands of pieces of silk and satin on hand which we are going to give you a big trade one.

People at a distance have hard times getting the right assortment to put into their necktie-pieces, quilts, etc., and we can help you out now.

These pieces contain from 29 to

50 pieces of the best quality assured goods,

and we want to get our great mouth and a

lot introduced into every home; then you

can order as you like for your friends, and

MAKE MONEY doing our work and helping

yourself also. Remember these

pieces are carefully trimmed, and especially suited to all sorts of fancy, art, and needle-work. Many ladies sell tidies, fancy pillows, etc., at a great

loss. If you order AT ONCE, we will give you several rich, bright and beautiful stamped satin pieces; each piece contains nine square inches and being stamped by hand with a graceful design for embroidery, is a big bargain.

Five Skeins Embroidery Silks Free. In order to send you stamped satin and other pieces, we also send absolutely FREE, five skeins of elegant embroidery silk, all different bright

colors. This silk is worth nearly the price we ask for a large and elegant piece of Plush

work. Many ladies sell tidies, fancy pillows, etc., at a great

loss. If you order AT ONCE, we will give you several rich, bright and beautiful stamped satin pieces; each piece contains nine square inches and being stamped by hand with a graceful design for embroidery, is a big bargain.

Grand Offer: If you order AT ONCE, we will give you several rich, bright and beautiful stamped satin pieces; each piece contains nine square inches and being stamped by hand with a graceful design for embroidery, is a big bargain.

Order ONE lot we will sell mass in your locality, so take this liberal offer home and get a large and elegant piece of Plush

BEST WAY. We send over the above complete assortments lots FREE as a reward to all who send 35 cents for 15 months' subscription to "COMFORT," the best Home Monthly now published, and in order to get you to advertise "COMFORT" and make a big bargain to your friends and neighbors, we will send free with each package, our great book "With Bright Full-Page Illustrations for ornamenting the pages of CRAZY PATCHWORK," for patchwork work, which is the best work ever done, it has no equal. It shows how pieces for patchwork may be put together to get the best effect, how to cover up seams with fancy stitches, how to use embroidery, etc., etc. It illustrates over one hundred and fifty of these valuable directions for taking ART EMBROIDERY STITCHES comprising the Outline Stitch, Kensington Stitch, Arrasene and Chenille Embroidery, Ribbon Work, Plush or Tufted Stitch, etc. It also tells how to do Kensington Painting.

REMEMBER we send one big lot (over 100 pieces) Silk Remnants, the assorted stamped satin piece, 5 SKEINS Embroidery silk, plush, and a great book on embroidery together with 15-months subscription to "COMFORT," all for only 35 cents, or you may send two subscribers at 25c. each for 15 months and receive one lot free. Three lots and 15 mos. subscription, 65c.; five lots and subscription, for \$1.00.

Address COMFORT, Silk Dept. 4 Augusta, Maine.

Six Superb Rose Plants Of Radiant Color, Beauty and Odor Wonderful offer to Lovers of Flowers FREE

One of the oldest and largest Rose Growers in the world has repeated the arrangement to supply us with an unlimited quantity of STRONG, Vigorous Plants, ON THEIR OWN ROOTS, each assortment of SIX CAREFULLY PACKED TO BE MAILED AT OUR EXPENSE. FULLY GUARANTEED TRUE TO NAME and description below, and SUPERIOR IN EVERY WAY to ordinary hothouse-grown plants. Read carefully the complete descriptions of each of the SIX ROSES IN THIS COLLECTION. Did you ever hear of anything SO GOOD and SO GENEROUS AS THIS OFFER? Hardy Roses ready to be transplanted in YOUR OWN GARDEN, there to thrive, GROW and BLOSSOM all in their radiant BEAUTY and SCENT.

CRIMSON RAMBLER

The most beautiful crimson climbing rose ever cultivated and a strong, rapid grower, quickly throwing up canes of great length and sturdiness, which are covered with beautiful, peculiar shining foliage. The flowers are produced in immense clusters, of thirty to fifty blossoms in each cluster, the color of which is a lovely bright crimson. This rose is valuable for decorative hedges, arches and screens for porches or unsightly places around the home.

PRESIDENT TAFT

One of the most beautiful and fragrant pink roses ever introduced and unsurpassed as a free blooming variety. It is a strong, vigorous grower and one of the hardest of all everbloomers. The flowers are faultlessly formed, extra large and double as a rose can be. They are an exquisite shade of bright, sparkling pink, covered with a soft, satiny sheen over all the petals, possessing a most delicious distinct fragrance.

MARIGOLD

The sight of this grand rose never fails to create a desire to possess the flower and a more valuable variety for outdoor planting does not exist. It is a fine upright grower, of free branching habit and a liberal and continuous bloomer. It is unsurpassed, heading the list for size, fragrance and beauty of form of flowers. No description can do justice to the wonderful beauty and splendor of the deep full flowers, which are of a clear saffron yellow, opening canary with dark golden shadings. The buds are large and elegantly formed of large heavy petals, having a most delicious fragrance.

THE QUEEN

As a rose for all purposes, either for outdoor or pot culture, this beautiful variety heads the list. It is a rapid, vigorous grower with a hardy constitution, and produces flowers in the greatest profusion from early Spring to late Fall. It is a rose of marvelous beauty, totally distinct in its royal magnificence, the large, pure white flowers being made up of enormous shell-like petals.

BLUE ROSES

This may seem incredible to many as it is the most wonderful color ever seen in a rose. For centuries this has been the aim of professional growers and after years of close application and hard work their hopes are realized, the result, Violet Blue. In habit, it is closely associated with the famous Crimson Rambler, making a quick rapid growth, throwing up canes of great sturdiness, beautifully clothed with smooth shining foliage. The semi-double flowers are borne in great clusters of thick, leathery petals of a pure citron yellow, the outer ones edged tender rose and are borne in great profusion until killed by the autumn frosts.

BLUMENSCHMIDT

The beat yellow rose for bedding purposes yet introduced, capturing all the premiums and prizes where exhibited. It is fast gaining popularity and well deserves the recognition of all rose lovers. It is a fine variety either for massing or to plant singly, growing very rapidly and producing a strong, clean growth the first season planted. The flowers are of fine formation of thick, leathery petals of a pure citron yellow, the outer ones edged tender rose and are borne in great profusion until killed by the autumn frosts.

To further the "home beautiful" you should fix up outdoors as well as in. Our present subscribers in good standing may send 25 cents for six months' extension of their own subscription and receive a set of six roses standing. Send 25 cents for six months' trial subscription to COMFORT and we will forward, all charges paid, this collection of the six above described roses. For only two subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each for 15 months, we will

send 12 roses, a double assortment, two each of the six varieties. We always pack and send at our expense, single, double or orders for larger quantities.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.



Arrangements for this Grand Rose Distribution have been under way for nearly a year. First we had to guarantee to use a certain tremendous quantity. Then the Rose-Grower made his plans, devoting acre after acre of his Rose-growing lands to nothing but the Six Roses we now offer you. By constant attention and care a most successful crop is the outcome and we are promised larger, stronger and better Rose plants than ever before, and they are centrally grown so that their development in any State or climate is assured. You need not hesitate on this point. The Roses we are to send you are fully developed and will grow. You can't stop it. If you love flowers, you like roses best. There is nothing so beautiful in the garden, yet no plant is so hardy when properly cultivated from the first. You can through the benefits of this undertaking provide yourself with an immeasurable amount of pleasure from these roses, and there are probably many friends of yours who would be interested in our offer, or who would be grateful for the roses for a sick room, or their flower-beds.

When you receive your roses, place them in your flower-bed, if too early place them in pots in the house until weather is seasonable, then put them outdoors, where they will bloom and remain full of blossoms until Autumn. We pack them with the roots placed in wet moss, and guarantee their safe arrival.

SPECIAL FREE HOUSEHOLD ASSORTMENT. Extra Special Anniversary Offer. send 12 roses, a double assortment, two each of the six varieties. We always pack and send at our expense, single, double or orders for larger quantities.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

The Dream that Never Came True!

BALLAD.

WORDS AND MUSIC BY CHARLES NOEL DOUGLAS.

Espresso.

Andante moderato.

1. I dreamed a dream in the gloam - ing, with joy it filled my breast, To - geth-er we were
2. Ah, would I ne'er had a-woke, dear, from that dream of per - fect bliss, Naught you cared for the heart you

roam - ing, thro' a land di-vine - ly blest. And your hand was held in mine, dear, ah me, the joy I knew; And my soul was a-flame as you murmur'd my name, and broke, dear, but you ne'er can rob me of this: The mem -'ry sweet of that dream, dear, where we stood side by side, And I saw the lovelight in your eyes that night, when you

Refrain. Languidly and with feeling.

whis-pered I love but you. . . . Dreams, dreams, dreams, Just a dream of yore, Just a dream at twi - light, It haunts me ev - er - more. You asked me to be your bride. . . . Dreams, dreams, dreams, Just a dream of yore, Just a dream at twi - light, It haunts me ev - er - more.

told me that you loved me, . . . Ah the joy I knew; 'Twas a dream di - vine, But the bliss ne'er was mine, For that dream it nev - er came true. Wed-ding-bells were ring - ing, . . . Joy they brought to you, . . . But that glad re - frain Broke my heart in twain, For that dream it nev - er came true.

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Easter COMFORT for April

with its delightful Easter story and other seasonable special features, including an interesting description of Easter Styles and Spring Fashions which the ladies just can't do without.

But You Will Not Receive It

unless you send us your subscription at once so that we may place your name on our mailing list before our splendid April edition goes out.

KINDLY LOOK THIS PAPER THROUGH. It will interest you, and every member of your family will find something of especial interest in it.

THE BEST SERIAL STORIES BY WELL-KNOWN POPULAR AUTHORS, and bright, snappy short stories in each issue, constitute one of the strong and attractive features of COMFORT. We call attention to "RUBY'S REWARD" and "DAVID HARUM," which we are now running.

EACH MONTH COMFORT contains a vast amount of instructive and useful information covering a wide range of interesting topics besides some seasonable special articles of timely importance and one or more smart short stories. See our interesting article on "HOME LIFE IN THE WHITE HOUSE" in this paper; there will be another in April COMFORT.

ITS HOME-DRESSMAKING DEPARTMENT is exceedingly popular and is worth many times the price of the paper to any woman, while its many other departments are full of good, practical advice on the every-day matters of life.

We believe that no other paper or magazine has so many valuable departments as COMFORT, and we call especial attention to our "FAMILY DOCTOR," "HOME LAWYER," "VETERINARY" and "POULTRY" departments as important features which you will not find in any other one paper.

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Its tone is moral, patriotic and Christian. An ELEVATING INFLUENCE IN THE HOME, it helps to keep the children contented to stay at home evenings and protects them from the temptation of reading demoralizing literature.

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Nothing cheap about it but its popular subscription PRICE OF 25 CENTS FOR FIFTEEN MONTHS, which is low enough to be within anybody's means. Subscribe now so not to miss the bright Easter number in April. Don't delay; if you do you will miss it and miss it much.

FILL OUT the subscription blank below and send with it 25 cents for 15 months. (35 cents a year in Canada.) Do it now, and you will receive THE BEAUTIFUL COMFORT CALENDAR FREE.

Publisher of COMFORT Augusta, Maine.

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March 1911.

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WARRANTED TO WEAR FIVE YEARS

Will Perfectly Fit Largest or Smallest Wrist

As shown in illustration, it is a beautifully engraved band of gold one quarter inch wide, has three adjustment slots and a pin. The pin may be put in first slot for largest size, in last slot for smallest size and in center for medium. It is a simple, practical adjustment that does just what it is intended to do and does it well.

You cannot lose this Bracelet. **Warranted for five years;** meaning, the gold finish is durable



for that length of time under our guarantee. Our lady readers will enjoy this Bracelet, and, as it is a new style and new idea this season, you all want one right off while they are fashionable. We are making extra special inducements for clubs, so we have purchased this Bracelet in such quantities we are enabled to offer them to you now at a tremendous bargain rate.

Club Offer. Send us only one new 15-months subscription to COMFORT at 25 cents for one of these beautiful Bracelets free. It positively must be a new subscription. Send 10 cents extra, 35 cents in all, if for your own sub. or a renewal. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

COMFORT CALENDAR PRIZES PAID

124 Cash Prizes for January

offered in the COMFORT Calendar Prize Contest have been paid to the following named persons:

MRS. JAMES CAMPBELL, Ohio.	\$10.00	LENA G. FREEMAN, Can.	\$3.00
MRS. OLETA FOWLER, Tex.	\$5.00	M. M. LAWRENCE, Pa.	\$2.00

The Next Ninety Received \$1.00 Each

Mrs. J. Robbins, Ill.; Fannie B. Haithcox, N. C.; Mrs. J. E. Holm, Kans.; Miss Lena Sagetter, Minn.; May Parks, Ga.; Mrs. Virginia Kennard, Ohio.; Mrs. Rose Bunnell, Mich.; Amelia Anderson, Utah.; Miss Pauline Robeson, Wash.; Miss M. L. Stewart, Ala.; Miss Cassa Wakefield, Tex.; Mrs. Ethel Morgan, Wash.; Mrs. J. K. Everhart, Tex.; Christina Thom, Wis.; Miss Effie Cooper, Ga.; Little May Lund, N. Y.; Mary E. Varley, Nebr.; Mrs. Emilene Ridlon, Ky.; Mrs. Sarah Dugard, Ill.; Evangeline B. L. Young, Can.; May V. Prince, Ind.; Nettie Fremantle, Va.; Mary C. Green, Md.; Miss May Morris, Ala.; Beth Morris, Kans.; Mrs. F. W. Hillman, Mich.; Mabel Walstedt, Minn.; Miss Mabel Enevold, Minn.; Mrs. S. F. Buck, Wis.; Annie Mitchell, Va.; Mrs. Carrie Peterson, Wis.; Elmer P. Johnson, Cal.; I. W. Tuttle, Okla.; Birchie Danna, Okla.; Miss Linnie Parker, Ky.; Miss Charlotte Quigley, N. Y.; Mrs. S. E. Reed, Ill.; Mrs. F. De Backer, Ore.; Miss Enda Reynolds, Ore.; W. G. Cooley, S. C.; Mrs. Arthur Cye, Maine; Mrs. Jennie Miner, Ill.; Miss G. E. Hall, Tenn.; Mrs. F. H. Strauss, Nev.; Mrs. Willard McConnell, Ill.; Mrs. W. A. Powers, Cal.; Miss Cora Yelm, Nebr.; Mrs. Otto Foster, Iowa; Flora Serby, N. C.; Riddle Robe's, Ore.; Miss Nellie Noyes, Ore.; Maggie Ludlum, Ill.; Myrtle Dejanyes, Ill.; Lincoln Rappleye, N. Y.; Mr. Severin Hanson, N. Dak.; Jamie Bonds, Ga.; Orman W. Terry, Vt.; Mrs. Lena M. Howell, Mich.; Elsie Brinkmeyer, Ohio; Mrs. Lydia Messerly, Ohio; Mrs. E. E. White, Tenn.; Miss Ida Jansen, Fla.; Granville Fernald, Maine; Elizabeth Gagle, Ind.; Mrs. Mary Gaither, Cal.; Harry Habbercorn, Tex.; Harry Fischer, Mo.; Lawrence Piotto, Mass.; A. J. Murphy, Ohio; Mary C. Wilcox, Conn.; Mrs. Ardie B. Smith, Ind.; Frank Blain, Tex.; John W. Grunewald, Ill.; Miss Pearl Hash, Mo.; Cora McMillan, Nebr.; Mrs. E. Barto, Wis.; Mrs. A. D. Oliver, N. J.; Emma Gillespie, Ohio; Mary A. Tharkill, Ill.; Mrs. Beulah Harris, Tex.; Chas. Berger, Ohio; M. E. Harner, Okla.; Joseph Helus, Nebr.; Hazel Miller, La.; Archie W. Boull, S. Dak.; Mrs. M. C. Laywell, Ohio; Edith Blyth, N. Y.; W. A. Woodbridge, Ill.; Naomi Barker, Ore.; Mary Nickell, Ky.

The Next Thirty Received Fifty Cents Each

Laurah Mae Smith, Okla.; Mrs. J. C. Montgomery, Mo.; Myrtle Deper, Tex.; Mrs. Wirt McGee, W. Va.; Miss Della Anderson, Nebr.; Clara Herrmann, Ore.; Fred Sullivan, Wash.; A. M. Sneed, Va.; Mrs. Wm. Tonkin, Pa.; Alice Knight, Pa.; Nancy J. Lake, Fla.; Jennie Atkinson, Ill.; Mrs. Chas. H. Fronk, Ky.; Agda Hettemoe, Minn.; Miss Ima Vandemoor, Ill.; Floyd Bean, W. Va.; Mrs. Shirley Person, Tenn.; Eleanor Miller, Pa.; Mrs. Albert Kruse, Nebr.; Nadie Spalding, Ky.; Ada Murray, Ky.; Mrs. B. M. Owen, Wash.; Mrs. D. J. Dyson, Ill.; Florence Betty, Wash.; Mrs. F. Brown, Vt.; Ellen M. Johnson, Mich.; Gertie Condor, Ky.; Hannah Jane Jones, Minn.; Mrs. H. Erfman, Ohio; Lena Russell, Ont.
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The above are the second month's prizes which we have paid, and we are about to pay the prizes for February which is the third month in the special Calendar Prize Contest. Get the 1911 COMFORT Calendar which offers the same list of one hundred and twenty-four cash prizes for March. One prize sure for everyone who tries and perhaps one of the one hundred and twenty-four cash prizes too. Enter March contest now.

Butterfly Orchids

A strange sub-tropical bulbous plant.
Grows without soil, requires water only.

There is no class of plants on which the stamp of individuality is more clearly impressed. In their manner of growth they are remarkable, while the flowers present the most curious and fantastic forms, combined with exquisite coloring and often the most delicate perfume. The cultivation of these beautiful plants is a very fascinating employment, and may be conducted in a small conservatory, or even in a sunny window, with most gratifying results. The old idea that all orchids had to be grown in specially constructed houses and under almost impossible conditions to insure success, has proved a fallacy, and many amateurs are now among the most successful cultivators, growing their plants among palms, roses and ordinary greenhouse plants. We send good strong plants, which with ordinary attention will grow in or out of doors, for years.

Three to Five Free. Each plant consists of from three to five blooming bulbs. One plant sent for 30c, with a new trial twelve month subscription to COMFORT. Present subscribers may send 25c for six months' extension of their own subscription and receive one plant. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

**A PAIR OF
Nottingham Lace Curtains**

Each Curtain Nine Feet Long.

This Most Beautiful and Elegant Premium Has Just Been Added for Selection to All Who Send a

Club of Only 5 New Names.

The Curtains are full width and just what anyone needs to adorn the home with. Everyone of taste will tell you that there is nothing which "dresses up" a room so much as a pair of Lace Curtains. The finest effects are obtained by these draperies. They show from the outside as well as from the inside. They are of the real Italian pattern and formerly sold as high as \$6.00 or \$8.00 a pair. They are delivered free to you, all charges paid.

SPECIAL OFFERS. If you will send us a club of only 5 subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each for 15 months, we will send one pair of Curtains to you as a free premium. A club of only nine 25-cent fifteen month subscriptions secures two pairs and we send three pairs for only 14 subscriptions at 25c. each. COMFORT goes to each subscriber 15 months and Curtains to you.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

**THIS BEAUTIFUL NARCISSUS ASSORTMENT
EXTRA HEAVY SILVER PLATED WARE.**

Now offered in eleven different pieces comprising an elaborate and complete assortment. Especially desirable Wedding Gift, equally as desirable to all housekeepers.

Unless you have some of the Spoons in this pattern you have no idea how beautiful it is with the soft gray frosted handle and high polished blades or bowls. You may think you have enough silverware now; even if you have a variety there is always use for more, especially such very beautiful ware as we now offer you, and COMFORT is such a great monthly, people readily subscribe, so you actually will obtain these Spoons for but a moment's time.

The combination of twenty-six pieces in the Narcissus pattern, French Gray finish enables you to have all the assortment for complete table set, or as few pieces as you require. The lovely pattern is a very heavily embossed design, in relief, ornamenting the entire length of each article, on both sides.

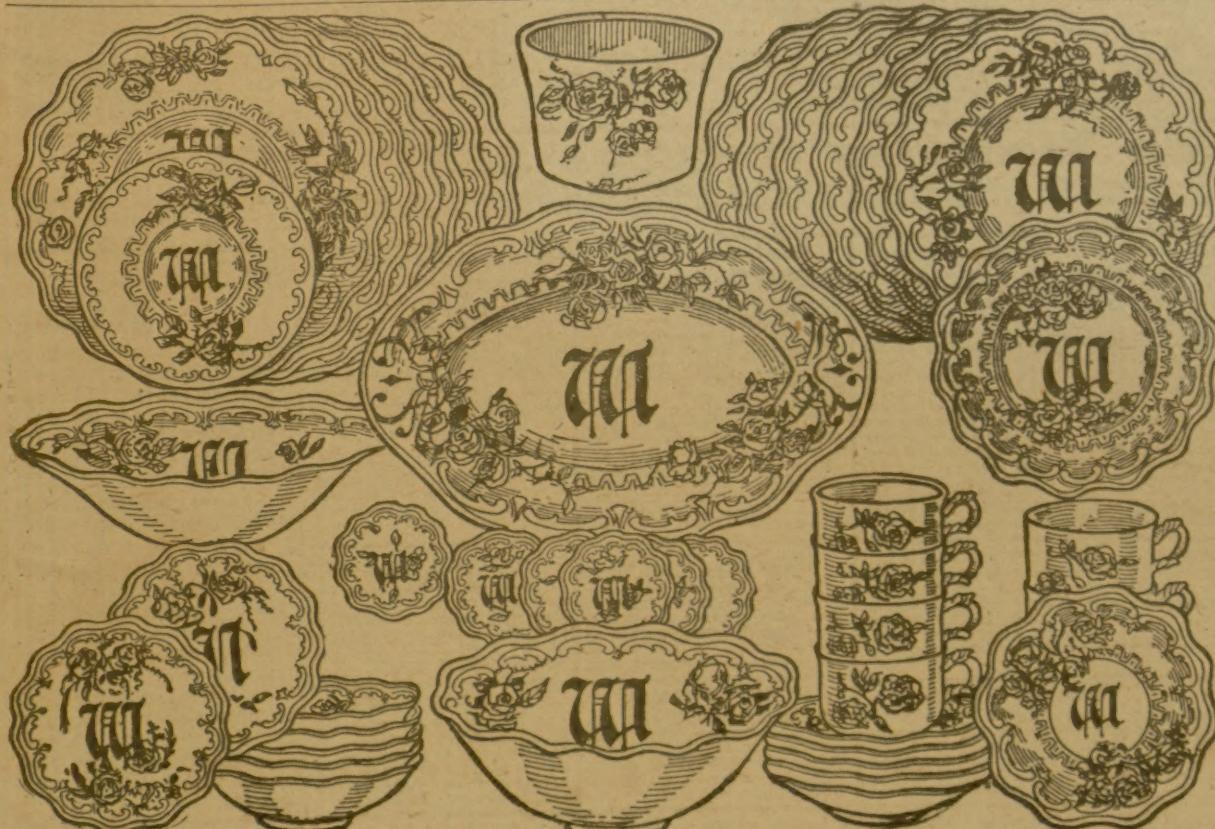
For every-day service and special occasions this durable ware embodies every requirement and although delightfully attractive will stand constant use.



Club Offers. We have arranged the following schedule of club offers, enabling you to obtain free as much of the assortment as you require, if not all. For only two 25c. subscriptions to COMFORT, we will send your choice: Six Teaspoons, Two Table-spoons, a Dessert-spoon, Sugar Shell, or Butter Knife. For only three subscriptions to COMFORT, we will send your choice: either a Gravy Ladle, Pie Knife, Cold Meat Fork, or Berry Spoon. For a club of twelve subscriptions to COMFORT, a set of Six Knives and Six Forks. A club of thirty subscriptions to COMFORT for the entire assortment of 26 pieces. All must be 25c. fifteen-months subscriptions.

Carefully look over the different articles and decide which ones you desire most then first send in a small trial club for sample after that we are sure you will get the entire assortment when you find how nice the goods are.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

**White Tailored
Shirt-Waist**

The Newest fashionable waist, for ladies and Misses, made of high-grade, pure, white linen-like material, with stiff cuffs, and odd irregular front, four ruffles is shown with large ornamental pearl buttons. The illustration well represents the general style of the waist; and one distinctive feature is the fit of these garments. In any size from 32 to 44 the measurements are guaranteed hence a perfect fit is assured. A 36 waist in this make is exactly 36, and will be found to have perfect dimensions, at bust, waist, neck and shoulder, confirming the size. The cutting, stitching and fine lines all represent first-class work. A tailored, City-made, Shirt-waist free for only a few subscribers, easily obtained, is an unusual and desirable opportunity. Do not miss it. We have seen waists no more desirable, retailed for \$3.00 each.

Club Offer. Send only six subscriptions to COMFORT at 25c. for 15 months, give waist measure and waist will be forwarded at once post-paid.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Dainty Muslin Curtains.

Spring suggests new things for the home. New window curtains are most desirable, usually much needed. These dainty white, muslin curtains are fast fresh and new, direct to us from the manufacturers who made them especially for us. Each curtain is full 32 inches wide and 7½ feet long. The material very fine and excellent quality with the best of workmanship. Each curtain has five dainty tucks, a full ruffle with hemstitch edge and is finished very neatly. Muslin Curtains have three good qualities which stand out prominently: They tend to create in our homes a dainty, wholesome, immaculate atmosphere and lend a charm of style and elegance. Laundered and will wear well holding their pure white freshness an entire season.

Club Offers. If you will send us a club of only 5 subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each for fifteen months, we will send one pair of Curtains to you as a free premium. A club of only nine 25-cent fifteen month subscriptions secures two pairs and we send three pairs for only 14 subscriptions at 25c. each. COMFORT goes to each subscriber 15 months and Curtains to you. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

This Exquisite Table Cover

In a Beautiful Pattern Especially Designed

Outline for Embroidery

Made from a new material called Yachting Cloth with real Irish Linen finish, in a beautiful shade of light brown that will harmonize with all shades of embroidery silk or cotton and is especially designed for table covers. The stamping includes a centerpiece as well as a border of an unusually graceful design and is one yard square.

For two 15-mo. subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each will be given this beautiful cover, which can be used in any room. It is worth working for. Address

COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

A FAMILY BIBLE
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